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R. PEANT, J. A. ROSILLO.

OCTOBER, 1906.

TRANSLATION

BANK OF SPAIN TO PEANT Sept:6:1906

There has been received in the Bank a letter dated 26Sept last offering in the name of B.W.& Co of London to reduce the price of the 100Pts notes which they are manufacturihg by 6d per 1,000 should the issue in question be increased to 8,000,000 notes, The Council of Administration who have been informed of the said letter have decided that you should be informed that the Bank have decided to limit the series to the 6,000,000 notes already ordered.

TRANSLATION

BANK OF SPAIN TO PEANT 4th Oct: '06

In view of the information given by you in the name of B.W.& Co. of London I have the pleasure to tell you that t he Bank finds no inconvenience in acceding to the desire of the said farm that the original plates of the notes of 100, 50 and 25 Pts in course of manufacture should be depositied as soon as the printing is finished in this Bank in the name of the Bank and of B.W.& Co. so that they can only be withdrawn with the accord of both parties.

Kindly consider modified in this sense the conditions which I transmitted to you in my letter of Sept:24th last.

We remain,

TRANSLATION

PEANT Oct:24th. 1906

I got back to Madrid Sunday last and now reply to your letters of the 11th and 19th though the first of these was already answered by mine of the 16th.

I enclose also two communications from the Bank, the 1st on 4th inst altering their decision to destroy the plate after the printing and the second on the 6th which communicates the decision of the Board that the issue of 100Pts is limited to 6,000,000. I send you also the approval of the numbering which goes on the back of the 100Pts notes whilst telling you how much I regret that it has not been placed as it should be even doing it by two printings if the arrangement of your machine does not permit you to do it by one. These numbers which come into the ornament look very bad and I should be very glad if you could correct this defect even though the Bank approves it. I must inform you that during my absence the house of Waterlow & Sons have submitted a design of the 25 Pts with an estimate which has made a sensation for it was a very good one.

Mr.Rosillio has again started negotiations with the Bank where he has been dismissed. Telling him that the notes of 25, 50 and 100Pts had been ordered in England and in Germany and that for some time they would have their requirements satisfied and as he persisted they told him that they would be very happy to receive his tenders so as to compare them at the proper moment. They have even given him a copy of our tender for a 10 years contract so as to see if he offered more favourable conditions. I think that like myself you will

consider it useless to follow up these negotiations, for if the A.B.N.Co submitted tenders I am willing to admit that they would be less favourable to yours, the house of Waterlows might also be listened to in its present solicitations, Negotiations have taken place with the Imperial Printing office in Berlin, there has also been talk of the processes of the house in Leipsic and even though they came to nothing and were stowed away in the drawers, might it not happen that at a given moment some present negotiations might seriously inconvenience us.

I have noticed that you have decided to make your first despatch on the 9th Nov: via Vigo, needless to tell you they are waiting for the notes with impatience.

Replying to your letter of the 19th, I have to tell you that the dates 30 de Junio de 1906 on the 100Pts notes and 24 de Septiembre de 1906 on the 25 and 50 Pts are correct. Kindly notice that a "p" is required in Septiembre and that the same signatures appear on all the 3 values which have been ordered from you.

The Bank having increased its order for 100Pts notes to 6,000,000 no decrease in numbers will be made to them on the order.

Kindly take note that I have debited your account with £400 as was arranged and with £40 the expenses of my 2 journeys to Madrid to submit designs and my last journey to London.

I have credited you with £200 which you handed to me on my last visit to London.

The Finance Minister at the Opening of Parliament

yesterday read his budget for the ensuing year in which he proposes an issue of 420,000,000 Pts, in Amortizable Debt.

He also proposes that the service of the Debt and of the Treasury should be entrusted to the Bank of Spain. I have not been able to talk seriously with the Chief Officials of the Bank seeing that they have been busy night and day studying the Financial projects which were read yesterday by the Minister. I will let you know as soon as there is anything new. It would be well if you would inform me of your following dates of delivery and the quantities. After your delivery of 85,000 notes of 100Pts on the 9th Nov: will you delivery 250,000 fortbightly as arranged or will you even deliver more. Shall I have the final proofs of the 50 Pts notes on the 12th Nov: or before and for submitting a proof of the 25 Pts note what time will you require. It would be well to inform me as exactly as possible on all these points so that I can promptly reply to any questions which are put to me and so that I can keep down their impatience telling them your dates of deliveries.

If we can avoid their putting in circulation the issue of 50Pts with the portrait of Echegaray which they are now printing it would be a great advantage. Hasten then as soon as possible the 50Pts value.

Kindly send me an estimate for 5,000 warrants with the same border and style of work as those of the "Daira Senieh Co tal 6,000,000" with 50 coupons with the back like that

of the shares of The United Rlys of the Havana & Regla Warehouses Ltd: with mining attributes in the endorsement where you have a locomotive, this is urgent.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

PEANT Oct:27th'06

I confirm my letter of the 24th and now give you an account of an interview I have had with Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena who began by telling me to write you this very day that at the last meeting he had given his word that beginning from the 9th Nov: you would deliver 250,000 notes of 100Pts every 15 days. That in view of this affirmation which the Board had required him to make he begged you not to fail in this engagement and to do the necessary for raising this quantity to at least 300,000 every 15 days. At any rate up to the time when you commence the printing of the 50Pts notes. He also counts on your shipping 100,000 on the 9th Nov:. I dont doubt that you will be able to satisfy him.

We also spoke of the designs which you are now making and he pointed out to me the advisability of your considering seriously that of 500Pts which is the one that would have the greatest chance of being ordered from you at the first opportunity, it would be advisable then for you to see about this immediately. You could see perhaps if it would not be well to put in it the portraits of the King & Queen on the idea that we had sketched for the 1000Pts. I for my part will get them to give me the quantity which would be ordered for this issue so that you can make up your estimate. In your design consider also if it would not be advisable to include in them the double duplex printing so as to give them more security or even that you should make use of the Musil

process which it would perhaps be advisable to introduce to the Bank in the issue of a short number and keep us ahead of any steps which might be taken for a similar process presented by the German house or ~~even~~ by an Austrian.

We talked for some time about the advisability of p inting in London an issue of 50Pts notes on the watermarked paper which the Bank has and which was made by Perrigot and of which you showed me a specimen. It would be a question of an issue of 6,000,000 and I think that that would be worth the trouble of making a transport of the paper to London. He will give me the cost price of the paper so as to consider if it would not be to costly for the Bank to decide upon this idea.

I consider that our plan at this present time should be to clear away at the Bank all these items which might delay the moment when they will have to take radical and definite resolutions and with this idea no sacrifice should be spared by you. Following up this idea, why should you not make a magnificent design for this 6,000,000 notes of 50Pts for which they have the paper. I would submit this design to them with a price combined with that which the paper cost them and we woul carry off again this business.

Kindly tell me as soon as possible how many workmen you would require to install your works at the Bank for the printing of ~~xxx~~ six to eight million notes each year.

I remain,

Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States

DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE ESPAÑA Y PORTUGAL

Madrid October 31st. 906. 1

Warren L. Green Esq.
Vice President.
American Bank Note Co.
Trinity Place
New York

My dear Mr. Green,

In extension of my letter of the 20th inst which I confirm I now have to inform you of my conference with Señor Don Angel Gonzales of the Bank of Spain, yesterday afternoon.

It appears that the Bank of Spain has limited itself for the present to file orders for notes with the firm of Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. of London and with the Imperial Press of Berlin with no other compromise with said firms, with which orders he thinks that the present ~~reserves~~ necessities and those of two reserves are sufficiently covered for counteracting any future contingency. The Bank's works continue to be in activity for the finishing of an edition of a

certain class of notes and has besides on hand the manufacture of a series of one thousand peseta bills, the elaboration of which it appears will accredit the higher perfection in that work.

The Bank intends, however, to continue to consider the advisability of counting during some years with the cooperation and experiences of reputed firms on the basis of the propositions that have been presented to it or others which may be presented. The following shall be essential conditions: (a). that the factory shall continue to be in and within the Establishment: (b). That the cooperating Society shall agree to not manufacture for third parties, although it may do so as to all Bonds, effects and prints for the State and official Corporations, such as "Deputations", "Municipalities" etc.

Sr. Gonzales Peña has mentioned to me that on such basis it would please the Bank of Spain to consider an offer from the American Bank Note Co. The offer would have to contain the unities of price in addition to the other considerations which your firm should consider advisable to offer in order to appreciate same at the proper time, comparatively with the prices and conditions of other Companies.

Reiterating to you the recommendations contained in my former mentioned letter,

I remain, Yours very truly

DRAFT

PEANT Oct:31st'06

I now have to acknowledge receipt of your 2 favours of the 24th and 27th Oct: for which we are much obliged.

Referring first of all to the 100Pts notes, we shall be able to forward you 80,000 of these notes on the 8th November and 250,000 fortnightly afterwards, this number we are afraid we cannot increase for the first 2 deliveries but subsequently we will do our best to increase this quantity to 300,000. We note that the total quantity is now 6,000,000 for this value and that the numbering on the back in the new position has been approved by the Bank. As we have already numbered a good many thousand and as the alteration to the first idea, would necessitat 2 printings instead of one as suggested by you, would be very difficult to arrange now not only only account of the expense but on account of the difficulty in checking. We do not think, all the same, it looks bad as with 4 numbers there are at least 2 of which all the figures are perfectly legible. We may say, however, while on this subject, that for the 50 and 25 Pts notes we are having specially manufactured a whole set of new barrels made sufficiently small to place together on the notes in the position required, of course we had not time to do this for the 100Pts value.

50PTS PROOF We hope to send you this proof on the 13th Nov: and will follow it up by the proof of the 25 Pts as soon as after as is possible.

500 & 1000 PTS: DESIGNS: We will at once put in hand the designs for these 2 values with the portrait of the Queen on one and the King on the other and when we know the quantities we will give you estimates. We would suggest for both of them the duplex printing and do not think we had better introduce the Musil system on this occasion unless you have any reason to think that they would like designs and estimates by this system.

50PTS: NOTE ON WATERMARK PAPER Referring to what you say as to the employment of the 6,000,000 notes on watermarked paper of which Mr.Perrigot has already made the paper, we will of cours make a good design but before it is possible for us to do so it will be necessary for you to send us a sheet of this watermark in order that we may see exactly what part of the note to leave plain. The sheet I showed you when you were in London I had to return to Mr.Perrigot at his special request.

EXTERIOR BOND When in London you asked us to make a design for coupons and we submitted to you here a very rough sketch, this we will complete when you let us know exactly the number of coupons if you wtill wish us to make it.

We have the pleasure in enclosing in this letter an estimat for 5,000 warrants in the style you gave us. The price of the engraving relys a good deal on whether there is any special work in it and we have therefore given a price from £100 which is the least we ought to get, up to £125 in case there is any special engraving not on the specimens you mentioned. The prices quoted per 1,000 include a 10% commission to you.

MR:ROSILLIO 66 We were very surprised to read what you had to

say on the subject of this gentleman and that knowing as he did that we had been successful in obtaining the work that he should have interfered any further. He cannot possible help us in any way and it seems to us that it is very m ch against our interests that he should go to the Bank at all. We at once telegraphed to Mr. Green in New York requesting him to telegraph to Mr. Rosillio instructing him to desist from taking any further steps at the Bank, and we hope that he has done so.

WORKMEN IN MADRID With reference to your question as to the number of workmen we should require in Madrid, we will let you know this approximately after going carefully into it in the course of a post or 2

Hoping everything will turn out well and with compliments We remain etc.

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

PEANT November 3rd 1906

I have your favours of the 25th 27th and 31st ult: and telegram of the 29th saying "we have telegraphed Green asking him to instruct his Agent to stop his negotiations"

MANUEL ABAD OF CARTAGENA I have asked for information respecting this indivisual and will transmit it to you as soon as I have it. Cartagena is a place without any movement it might be possible some day to do business there with some Mining Company for share warrants but it is poor all the same and the work would not reach your prices. If the information respecting Mr. Abad is favourable and you are willing for him to take up your business I understand that he will only be able to do so through me as intermediary. On this subject you would then have the goodness to write me that your agent for Spain is myself and that he must arrange with me for anything concerning his City.

CALENDARS FOR SPAIN I return you your sketch which will be alright once you have taken away the "Don" in front of my name

LOOPTS NOTE I have communicated to Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena your dates and quantities ~~and~~ of deliveries and he will take these with him to the Council

50 & 25 PTS NOTES I have also told him the date for submitting the 50Pts proof but he didn't seem satisfied that you hadn't fixed the date for the 25 Pts. I have promised him that you would do this when you submit the 50Pts proof.

500 & 1000 The quantity of these notes would not exceed 1,000,000 but in your calculations it would be prudent not to reckon with more than 500,000. I think it useless for the moment for you to execute the design for the note of 1,000

I spoke to you of the Musil system because I consider that it is somewhat in the minds of the Council that the notes which you make are anti-photographic not only by their duplex printing but by the quality of their chemical inks refractory to acids. Since my retur n I have heard a lot about this on the subjects of photographs which they have had taken of your notes of 100Pts without employing colour prisms, without using acids, without doing the photographing in the dark so as to have the imprint of certain tints which are invisible to the naked eye and which affect the plate in the darkness; that these processes which are employed by the Leipsic house are also employed in Austria and that in Germany they employ the same basis only they apply it in the composition of the paper instead of putting it in the inks; that the London house had combined these 2 systems in the proofs which they had shown at the time. I hear all these mixture of ideas put in their minds by one and another and I myself have tributed to it in my time showing them the proofs which you have sent me of the Musil system. I told them neither yes or no. I let them talk hoping always that we shall not be forged and that the day when it will be necessary to depurate all this will never arrive. As our success depends on this by

way of excess of precaution and so as to disarm our competitors of tomorrow I have mentioned to you the Musil system although you told me that it was more costly and moreover that it did not offer all the securities which its defenders claim for it.

You told me that it is more prudent not to introduce it on the present occasion - let us say no more about it.

<u>SHARES</u> Herewith is a copy of my tender submitted to the Mining Company Elguindo and probably Monday next I shall send you their reply to my letter which will bring me the order with the original.

... not preferable to show them befor

DRAFT

PEANT November 7th. 1906

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 3rd inst for which we are much obliged

MANUEL ABAD OF CARTAGENA Referring to this gentleman and our correspondence with him I now enclose copy of our last letter to him and leave it to you to decide whether it is worth while appointing him sub-Agent in this City.

50 & 25 PTS: NOTES When we send the 50 Pts note proofs we will send you, according to your intimation, the date on which we will send the proof of the 25Pts note.

500 & 1000 PTS We have stopped the preparation of the design for the note of 1000 Pts and are confining our attention to that of the 500 on which we intend to insert portraits of the King and Queen and will send you this as soon as ready.

100PTS NOTE I have to inform you that today Mr. Jauralde has visited our factory for the purpose of packing the first shipment of the 100Pts notes comprising the 80,000 promised Friday for the steamer "Vigo" We are anxiously waiting news of their arrival and approval by the Bank.

SNR: ROSILLIO In reply to our telegram we have now received a letter from Mr. Green in which he says that this gentleman is only keeping in touch with the Bank and thinks it advisable that he should continue to do so, at the same time he wishes us to assure you that there is no intention whatever of interfering with your conduct of affaires and hopes you will not doubt his good faith. He also says that he is coming

judge if it is not preferable to show them befor

to England arriving here about the middle of the month so that we can then more fully discuss the matter with him.

With no more for today and with best compliments

I remain,

P.W.W.

DRAFT TRANSLATION

PEANT November 8th 1906

I confirm my letter of the 6th and have yours of the 5th with a warrant of the El Guindo Company and the letters exchanged with Messrs Baldemaro & Honorio of this City. I immediately called on these people to point out to them that on the 5th inst., I had been given this order. I showed them a letter in support of my statement so that they might very well see that I had got the business before knowing thssteps which they had taken with you. I returned them their warrant telling them that for any business whatever that may turn up they are to consult me and I will reserve to them their commission.

EL GUINDO

I remit you herewith the letter which conveys the order for these 5,000 shares and the copies for you to make them. These shares will have to be delivered at the end of February. The Spanish text goes on front and the French and German on the back in two frames in the same way as the conditions in French and Spanish on the back of the Havana Rlys warrant also as on the back of these shares you will put between these two texts the endorsement with some mining accessory in the place where you have a locomotive. On the front in a border as the Darieh Sanieh share also accessories or views in connection with mining and the arrangement is left to your good taste.

They ask me for a final proof before printing, you will be able to judge if it is not preferable to show them befor

hand the rough sketch so that there may be no misunderstanding.

The printing will be in Green and black like the Darieh Sanieh and the customer will require 12 specimen copies of the wa ran's.

You will have the goodness to send me a sketch for the dry stamp which the warrant will bear as well as estimate of the cost of the engraving and impression of the same per 1,000 and of a small hand press so that this dry stamp may be utilised for other purposes. The customer wants to know how much all these will cost from you. The lettering of the black will be probably

Sociedad Minera "El Guindo"
Madrid.

DESIGN FOR THE 50CPTS NOTES

They tell me at the Bank that the Council has already refused to put the portraits of the King & Queen on the note whilst they are alive therefore the portrait of our queen cannot be put in the design which you are making.

10CPTS NOTES

Don Angel Gonzelez de la Pena has telegraphed to Mr.Jauralde asking him for your reply to my letter of the 6th on the subject of making deliveries weekly.

I remain,

DRAFT

PEANT

Nov:10th'06

We confirm ours of yesterday.

<u>10OPTS NOTE DELIVERIES</u>

Accordinf to what we can ascertain the Royal Mail boatsare the only ones which go to Vigo which fullfil the requirements of the case as regards speed, security and regularity of departure. Here are t e days of departure of these steamers:-

X	9th November	S/SClyde
X	16th "	Nile
ø	21st "	Orinoco
X	30th "	Aragon
ø	5th December	Tagus
X	14th "	Araguaya
X	28 "	Danube

Those marked "X" go to S.America and take goods for Vigo and the others marked ø go to the W.Indies and dont stop at Vigo except when they embark there Spanish emigrants, even then they do not take goods for that port but to oblige us and on the condition of course that the steamer stops there the Royal Mail Company will make an exception and accept our cases on the Orinoco and probably on the Tagus. We may add that they cannot yet say definitely if these steamers will stop at Vigo, we shall only know this at the last moment; also they require an addition to the ordinary freight of £3 or £4 the cost of the special manifest which is to be made out. Should we then be able to use these two steamers our deliveries would be as follows:-

9th November	80,000	
16 "	125,000	
21st "	80,000	
30th "	170,000	
5th December	80,000	
14th "	170,000	
28th "	250,000	up to 300,000

and so on every 14 days. In the contrary case we should have to strike out the 21st Nov: and 5th Dec: increasing to 250000 those of the 30th Nov: and 14th December We need not tell you that no effort is being spared to hasten the printing and to meet as far as possible the wishes of the Bank

Awaiting your further instructions

We remain,

TRANSLATION

PEANT Nov:12th'06

I have yours of the 7th 8th and 9th Nov: also your telegram of the 9th which says:-

"80,000 by steamer leaving today, 125,000 steamer 16th despatches will follow by all steamers, quantities will depend upon the intervals between steamers. We are writing fully"

etc After all your letters the sub-Governor of the Bank has given me the dates of the departure of the steamers and the quantities which are in the margin of which Mr. Jauralde has telegraphed to him and which have fully satisfied him.

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MANUEL ABAD OF CARTAGENA

I have asked twice for informatio of the subject of this gentleman and have not been able to get it. It depends on what I get as to what will be decided. His last letter which you sent me in which he says that he will separate some orders from his portfolio to send them to you has not pleased me.

MR: ROSILLIO

I have duly noted what you tell me taken from Mr. Green's letter when you talked to him about this. Kindly confirm to him the contents of my letter of the 24th Oct; although finally, having stated to you what I had to tell you my responsibility ends. I have no distrust as to the intention of Mr. Green but being on the spot my duty is to keep you informed.

500 PTS NOTES

Please hurry up the design for this value as much as possible. I will shortly write you on the other points

The 100Pts notes will arrive in Madrid the morning of the day after tomorrow. They are leaving Vigo this afternoon.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

PEANT Nov:13th. 1906

I confirm my letter of yesterday and have yours of the 10th which is all in order. Referring to the current events of which I have to inform you I now advise you that the Imperial Bank at Berlin has submitted to the Bank of Spain a sketch front and back for the 25 Pts notes and another for the 50Pts with photographs taken by different processes. They ask the Bank to make its choice and say they wubmit definite proofs and their cost prices without this engaging in any way the Bank of Spain. It has been said to me that we have already 3 tenders and are now waiting for the 4th from the A.B.N.Co whose prices are very cheap. I have seen the sub-Governor who has told me that Jauralde had asked him if he thought it advisable for your invoices to be paid by him in London which would you prefer? I replied that the method of payment Jauralde proposed would certainly suit you.

Kindly I beg you to take very serious note of the contents of this letter.

Hurry up the design for the 500Pts

~~DRAFT~~. Translation

FROM PEANT November 14th 1906

I confirm mine of the 13th and now advise you that I have given delivery of your first despatch of notes of 100Pts. The sub-Governor and the Vice-Secretary were present at the opening of the cases and they were satisfied in the way in which the packing had been done and with the look of the notes. The Bank is going to ask the imperial printing Office in Berlin for their prices for the notes as the designs they have received for an issue of 4,000,000. I am unable to tell you at this moment the importance of this step and I will inform you as soon as I can. As I told you in my letter of the 3rd inst. Ifelt since my return that a good deal was being done in connection with the Austrian ~~system~~ and German processes hence I advised you to submit your sketch on the lines of the Musil system. Allowing me then to return once more to this idea not to ask you for this process for the 500Pts notes but to submit a complete series of this process. I dont know exactly if the Bank desires to have a reserve on a different system in case your notes should be forged but it would be well to do the needful ~~so~~ that they can find with you all that is necessary. You could in my opinion submit 2 designs for the 500Pts one with your duplex protection and the other on the Musil system, but this at ohce for it is now nearly a month and a half since we spoke of the 500 and 1000 designs and they are not yet done.

This value being done I would ask further a series of notes on your system and another on the Musil system so that

the Bank might have always in its possession points of comparison between your work and that of your competitors - but this very quickly. I suppose you could not have a series of notes done at New York whilst you did another on the Austrian system in London.

I send you herewith the engraving made for the 50Pts note for which Perrigot has supplied the paper. The space reserved in the engraving indicates where the watermark would be in the paper. This proof I send you confidentially and since you have you have no longer any need of it you will have the goodness to return them to me.

It is then another design for which I ask you for I think that you will consider it necessary that we should not rest upon our laurels leaving the ground open for the presentation of designs after design expecting always that there will be someone who brings them something that may be successful.

Try t en in every way to fortify me with everything so that I may sustain the conflict.

MANUEL ABAD - CARTAGENA, LIZANA 33, Principal.

Solvency, nothing; Capital - nothing, credit - nothing, integrity - I dont know if today he will begin to work representations, up to the present - No.

Here is the information I received today from the Madrid Agency of the Bco Espanol del Rio de la Plata. He is then a person who is not known in that place and with whom should the opportunity present itself of doing anything it would

be well to take precautions and I will write to him in this sense.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

PEANT Nov:15th'06

I confirm my letter of yesterday and according to the steps that I have taken I can assure you that almost with certainly that the Imperial Printing Office of Berlinx will not obtain orders from the Bank. When negotiations were commenced with your house designs and prices were requested from this Institution on the suggestion of one of the Directors, now they reply sending 4 complete designs for the note of 50Pts and 3 for that of the 25Pts and several photographs of all these designs, the whole thing strongly backed by a diplomatic note, this has in a way compelled the Board of Directors to ask for prices with the hope that they will not be suitable. Needless to tell you that I have had to move Heaven and earth since yesterday and this has enabled me to ascertain that the Bank would be disposed to make further orders for notes and that they have advised him me to hasten the submission of new designs, one series in the English style and another on the Musil system. Here they call it "German System". I have promised them that I would submit in a few days the 500Pts design on the English system and on the Musil system and that as soon as ever possible you would submit fresh designs in the 2 styles of the whole series. Kindly therefore use all your activity to obtain from your best artists a series of designs of the most artistic kind and the best that can be produced so that they may stand out well in relief over those submitted by our competitors. As

the Germans do not generall use white line I have hammered their system saying that there was no guarantee without it. You will therefore keep this in mind so that white line shall not be wanting in your designs.

What has happened with the Berlin house is what I indicated to you in one of my preceding letters, A negotiation is started, is strongly backed, obtains the protection of some one of the Directors who causes prices and deigns to be asked for, makes comparisons etc., that comes to nothing, but repeated by 3 or 4 houses that puts 3 or 4 Directors against us and all this cannot by any means be favourable to you and prejudices you always in your combinat'ons.

Manuel Abad I remit you a copy in duplicate of the letter which I wrote him yesterday.

S. It has been pointed out to me that with the 3 issues which the Bank has ordered from you which will compel you to deliver a million and a half monthly you would not be able to undertake new values deliverable in a short space of time, I have replied that you would be always in a positionnto give satisfaction to the Bank in all its requirements whatever they may be. Please give me your approbation of this.

DRAFT

PEANT November 19th. 1906

We have to confirm ours of the 16th inst., and to acknowledge yours of the 14th and 15th inst. We have of course read with a great deal of interest your information which is very interesting. It is of course unfortunate that the Imperial Printing office at Be-lin and others are interfering with us at the Bank and we wish you to know that you have our entire support in all your endeavours to support our house and that we will do all we can in the way of designs of various systems to put th trump cards in your hands. We also support you in your representation to the Bank that we could accept further orders as whatever the trouble and expense of new machinery might be we will execute more work if necessary. At the same time, speaking privately to you, we would ask you if possible to give us as much time as is possible as our staff here is limited as you know. As for designs we have the pleasure of enclosing our new one for the 500Pts note and have immediately put in hand another design for the same value on the latest Musil system, then we will proceed with the designs on this system for the other values ~~and think it would be advisable for Mr.Fritz to come to Madrid to help you explain its/special merits to the Bank.~~ We are also proceeding with the new design for the 50PTS to fit the watermark paper leaving the space as on the impression of the plate engraving in Madrid which you were kind enough to send us

MANUEL ABAD Much obliged for the enclosed copies of your

letter to this gentleman and leave him entirely in your hands

The LOOPts notes are progressing and are being shipped regularly with the help of Mr.Jauralde. We are glad that you accepted on our behalf the proposal that the money should be paid by this gentleman in L-ondon.

Mr.Green left New York last Saturday and we are expecting him here at the end of this week and we will then speak to him about the possibility of an issue being designed on the other side

With a full appreciation of all your endeavours

We remain,

s. Mr.Fritz is expecting to be in London in about a week and we will consult with him and Mr.Green as to the best system to adopt in the preparation of the designs of the whole issue.

TRANSLATION

PEANT Nov:19Th'06

I confirm my letter of the 15th and have yours of the 13th which encloses 3 proofs of the 50 Pts which on being submitted to the Bank have been approved by the Board as I advised you in my telegram of yesterday. I remit you herewith the proof chosen as well as the communication to me made by the Bank of the decision of the Council. It is of course understood that the numbering on the back will include 4 numbers which will be placed one in each corner and on the front one numbering in the place marked ✠ on the left over the 50 where the duplex ground goes. The proof has produced a good impression, as also the exactitude and zeal which you show in meeting the wishes of the Bank.

<u>100PTS NOTES</u> In your despatch of these notes There are 2 different numberings, one is your usual numbering and the other that which you employ for replacing spoilages, in this latter the numbers are smaller and rounder, The figures "four" are like this 4, in your ordinary numbering this figure has its cross bar thick 4 The Bank is separating the notes with the different numbering and they will give you the numbers so that you can replace them. In addition they have asked me to advise you that they cannot accept 2 kinds of numberings in the same series of notes and you must do what is necessary to send no more like this. This has caused a painful feeling, travelling rapidly all round the Bank, where they cannot understand your having done such a thing.

I have tried to minimise the effect which this has produced but though it has been recognised that there might be a little exaggeration they have advised me to warn you immediately so that this should not occur again. They duly note that you will send the proof of the 25Pts Saturday next.

SHARE WARRANTS - "EL GUINDO":

I forgot to tell you that it is desired that this work should be delivered here at the end of February next.

I remain,

DRAFT

PEANT

Nov:20th'06

We beg to acknowledge your favour of the 17th inst., enclosing the signed draft of 50Pts note for which we are much obliged. Your instructions as to the numbering shall be followed. We are of course very sorry that there should be a complaint about the difference in the numbering of the 100Pts notes, it was quite unexpected as we have not before had a complaint in connection with this difference which we will explain as follows:-

If a note is spoilt in the process of numbering or a subsequent operation and equivalent note is renumbered by hand on a small machine made for the purpose.

The numbering barrel we use on this machine was made specially to match the numbers which are used on the big machine used for numbering a sheet 8 or 10 on as the case may be and we have not previously noted the slight difference which there certainly is and which you have pointed out to us. Needless to say we shall of course re-number the notes already numbered with this barrel and in order to make quite certain that the make up number shall be exactly the same as the bulk we have removed one of the identical numbering barrels from the big machine and are having it adapted to the small machine so there is no fear of a repition of this little fault. We feel sure that you will be able to convince the Bank of the smallness of this affair.

EL GUINDO SHARE WARRANTS

We note that these warrants are required by the end of February next.

With no more for today and with best compliments

We remain,

The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States

DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE ESPAÑA Y PORTUGAL

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.
NOV 30 1906
NEW YORK

Madrid November. 8th. 1906.

Copy sent to W. L. G. London Nov 30. 06

Warren L. Green Esq.
Vice President
"American Bank Note Co."
C/o J. S. Morgan & Co.
London.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favoured telegram of yesterdays date reading as follows:

"Expect to sail for England middle this month. Please write me care J. S. Morgan & Co. London any change in situation, and let matter rest until you hear from me further."

I have taken note of this message, and having at present nothing further to add to my letter of October 31st, which I presume will reach you before sailing for Europe, I merely confirm same, and remain,

Yours very truly

[signature]

DRAFT

PEANT November 22nd. 1906

We now have the pleasure of enclosing design back and front for the ElGuindo warrant following out your instructions and hope that it will prove satisfactory to your customer. We notice that on the back of the warrant in the French and German language room has been left for signatures, as it is hardly likely that the Directors will wish to sign in these 2 languages , is their wish to have fac-simile signatures printed with the type or the space for the signatures to be omitted altogether. We also enclose the estimate you require for the dry stamping of the 5000 warrants and the cost of the press and die to be sent to Madrid

25PTS PROOF

We shall hope to be sending you on Saturday the proof of this note. We have had a tremendous rush in order to keep the promise for time and we sincerely hope th t we shall be allowed for the different processes in future longer time as it is impossible like this to obtain the best work.

With compliments

I remain,

P.W.W.

DRAFT ESTIMATE

EL GUINDO MINING CO: Warrants November 22nd1906

Engraving seal for dry stamp including counterpart, press and locking bar complete	£6: 0: 0:
Stamping 5,000 Bonds with above dry stamp	1:17: 6:

DRAFT

PEANT

November 24th. 1906

We confirm ours of the 21st inst.,

100PTS NOTES

You will already, without doubt, have learnt from the papers the news of the collision at Cherbourg Wednesday evening when the steamship "Orinoco", on which we embarked the 80,000 notes of our last shipment, entering the Port collided with the Kaiser Wilhelm de Grosse and that the Orinoco will have to return to Southampton to make the necessary repairs. We are informed that the entire cargo will be transferred to the Magdalena which will arrive today and leave next Wednesday. Mr. Jauralde has telegraphed at once to the Bank and we understand awaits a reply in order to know whether it is better to re-embark the 80,000 notes on the Magdalena or to return them and send them by the Aragon with the 170,000 further notes we have ready to ship this week. Which ever decision is arrived at we will let you know at once and we much regret this unexpected delay and hope that it will not cause any inconvenience to the Bank.

25 PTS NOTES

We now have the pleasure of enclosing 2 complete proofs of this value of note showing alternative colours in the ground work. We are not altogether satisfied ourselves with the ground work and if we had had time we should have liked to have made a new one but as this meant 3 weeks delay, we only mention this to you privately in case the Bank make any compalit

which however we hope they will not do. We have numbered the proofs in chyper in the suggested positions and as to the date we presume that this will be given us and will hot be as on the proofs which is only for position.

We have nearly ready the design for the 500 Value on the Musil system and the rest of the work is going on satisfactory

With no more for today and with compliments

I remain,

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

PEANT November 26th. 1906

I have yours of the 22nd also the design for the El Guindo all of which is approved and they are verifying the text to return it to you.

BANK OF MOROCCO (Banco de Marreuco)

It is time that something was done with this matter for the operation which the Bank of France are preparing will have as a basis the establishment of the Polico Force; to do this money is required and this must be furnished by the Bank of Morocco, hence it is that the preparitory work is being carried on with great activity by the Bureau du Comite which is entrusted with the drawing up of the articles of Association which will have to be submitted to the General Meeting of the Shareholders who in the early part of January will meet either in Paris or at Tangier. The members of the Bureau de Comite are:-

Mr.Pallain - Governor of the Bank of France
Mr.Fischel - of the House of Mendelsohn of Berlin.

Mr.Edward Farve - Representative of Glen Mill Curris & Co:

Mr.Amezqueta - Manager of the Bank of Spain in Paris.

In addition to these names I must point out to you as having a great influence in this affair the following:-

Mr.Guiot - Minister Plenipotentiary representing the Holders of the Morocco 1904 loan.
Mr.Thors - Manager of the Banque de Paris et Pay Bas
Mr.Renouard - also of the "
Mr.Regnaoult - Minister of France at Tangier.

I am advised that your house should make represent-

DOMESTIC

TRANSLATION

PEANT November 28 & 29th '06

I confirm my letter of the 26th inst and now have yours of the 24th which brings me the finished peoof of the 25Pt note with the duplex printing in 2 different combinations. I have submitted these proofs to the sub-Governor of the Bank who will present at the first meeting which will take place Friday next.

Mr. Jauralde has telegraphed to the Bank that the 80,000 notes shipped on the Crinoco will be transferred and go by the Maggalena today or tomorrow.

EL GUINDO

I remit you by this same post the designs for the El Guindo share approved. On the front you will notice that the first coupon must bear No.15. on the back you will see a few corrections in red ink in the German text and No.15 on the coupon I annex the signatures of the President and ff the Administrateur which must appear below the French and German text. I annex also your design for the dry stamp so that you may put this in hand as you have arranged in your estimate of the 22nd inst which has been approved.

NOTES OF 100PTS: 29th Nov:'06

This morning there has been presented at the note factory a note of this value split in two, one sheet with the front and another with the back i.e., that the paper being composed of two sheets they have managed to completely unstick them. They have been and informed the Vice-Secretary of this

and asked him if he thought it was necessary to communicate it to, the Board. The Vice-Secretary was not at the office and I found out the matter before he returned having obtained certain information that this skillful bit of work had been undertakenx by the paper manufacturers who supplied paper for the notes of the Bank of Spain. As we had not offered the Bank to use paper of one single sheet there was no irregularity on our part and it was myself that went to seek Mr.Belda asking him to come to his office to be informed of an incident which interested me. As you may suppose he has not attached any importance to it confining himself to saying that the Bank had left to our care the selection of the paper and seeing that you had chosen this particular paper it is because you consider it the best. That the person who had gone to the trouble of separating these two sheets has not solved any problem seeing that nobody had maintained the contrary.

My impression is that it should not be possible to separate a note in 2 without completely destroying it.

I remain,

DRAFT

PEANT November 29th. 1906

We have to acknowledge receipt of your favours of the 21st, aand and 26th inst.

100PTS NOTES

These notes are going along satisfactorily and we are glad to understand from your letters and from the notices we have seen in the Spanish papers that they are being favourabl received in your Country, - I hope they may continue to do so. Another shipment was packed yesterday by Mr.Jauralde and we shall in due course forward you the proper advices. Having now received from Mr.Jauralde on account of the Bank of Spain the sum of we have the pleasure to credit your acount with the sum of which we have reckoned on the basis as per enclosed memo and hope you will find the same correct.

50PTS NOTES

The alternative design - back and front - for this value to be printed upon the watermarked paper in the possession of the Bank is now nearly ready and will be forwarded to you soon.

500PTS NOTES

We are now preparing two alternative designs for this note and as we have gone to considerable trouble and time to chose the exact system which we will employ it has taken longer than otherwise would have been the case. The decision we have mutally agreed upon here as the best to adopt

is to submit a design in the latest Musil system i.e., the inks recommended by Musil printed on chemical security paper, we shal at the same time send you a note, on very much the same principle, amd though not printed on security paper possesses as much security against falsification, on a system of our own which differs very little from that of Mr. Musil and which could be produced at less cost and this is the system which we hope will be chosen. We will send these on as soon as we can get them ready and when the system based on this note is finally selected we can make other designs for any other values which may be necessary.

Mr. Green would like to know what has become of the set of designs sent by the American Company as he says that these are as fine a set of notes as could be made, he thinks that there might be the possibility of these being made use of in case of emergency and we should be glad if you would let us know who has possession of them at the present moment. Also we should like you to be good enough to tell us exactly whether the Imperial Printing Office at Berlin have supplied anything whatever to the Bank or whether their offers have been put entirely on one side. The offers on behalf of the London firm Messrs Whitehead Morris & Co: can hardly have been for BankNotes as they are only a Stationary firm and we do not think that they have ever printed a Banknote or any money documents except cheques perhaps. Can you inform us more fully on these points.

BANK OF MOROCCO

We are very interested at your information in reference to this Bank and we propose to send a representative to see all the gentlemen possible that you mention in your list in the letter of the 26th inst. He can then get information from these gentlemen as to possible wording of the Morocco note when we shall be able to make designs and submit them at the proper time at the Counc l of dministration. Meanwhile we know that in Madrid the affaires of the Bank of Morocco on our behalf will be looked after by yourself and we will inform you of the result of the said visit of our representative to Paris, Berlin and probably Ta gier.

With best compliments

P.W.W.
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TRANSLATION

PEANT 1st December. 1906

I confirm my letter of the 30th ult: and my telegram of yesterday saying "Value 25 approved Peant" Today I enclose the chosen proof and the one receiving the approval of the Council. It was handed to me without a letter of support which I did not ask for as I did not think it necessary. The Sub-Governor of the Bank asks me to send him 12 specimens of all the 3 values 25, 50 and 100 unnumbered and the the word "Specimen" perforated. If you think it advisable please send them to Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena through Mr. Jauralde or if you prefer it send them to us.

DOMESTIC
DEC 14 1906

DRAFT

PEANT December 3rd 1906

Confirming our letter of the 29th ult: we now have to acknowledge receipt of your favours of the 28th, 29th and 30th for which we are much obliged.

EL GUINDO

We have safely received under separate cover our sketc for this Bond and have at once put in hand the engraving and will send you complete proofs as soon as possible.

NOTES OF 100PTS:

We read with interest what you say in reference to the notes// which was presented to the Bank in 2 pieces, one bearing the impression of the face abd the other the impression of the back. It proves of course that we have enemies that are only too willing to spoil our reputation and we should be glad to know whether you are certain whether this particular enemy in this case is Mr.Perrigot. For your information we may explain that this note, as every other note we have every printed, is made of one piece of paper only and not two as you supposed. Your remark that you think it should not be possible to split a note in two without completely destroying it you will understand to be not quite correct when we tell you that no banknote in the world and in fact ~~any~~ no piece of paper exists which cannot easily be split into two. We have done it ourselves over and over again for experimental purposes and it would be just as easy to split a Bank of England note in halves as any other. It certainly requires expert knowledge to enable it to be done

properly but at the same time it is an impossibility to make a paper which it is impossible to split and we hope that you will tell the people at the Bank that this is so and that it has obviously been done by an expert in order to depreciate our notes but we do not see that he has obtained any object in doing so.

J: JORQUERA & SONS

We will at once put in hand the design of a stamp for this firm like the specimen of the Bank of Cartagena which you enclosed and will send it with estimate as you require.

25 PTS NOTES

We were very pleased to get your telegram of the 30th saying that this value note had been approved so that we now have the 3 values in hand.

500PTS NOTES

We are pushing on with the design for note of this value but owing to events which have arisen since writing last we shall be sending only one alternative design using our own system. We may inform you that Mr.Musil has offered to sell us his system at an extravagant price which we have refused to pay as we do not think itnworth buying as we can do the same thing at a very much less cost. Mr.Musils old system viz., the notes printed with special inks on black fibre paper was of value to us on account of its support by the Austria-Hungarian Government but we do not think any of these notes have been satisfactory and they have been considerably forged. There is nothing very new or interesting in his newer process which

we have done for some little time in nearly the same way except that we do not see any use in printing upon chemical paper which we only use for cheques. Banknote forgeries are almost entirely photographic and the chemical paper does not put any difficulties in the way so that you will easily see that under these circumstances that it is impossible for us to make designs in this instance for notes the special colours for which Mr.Musil might refuse to let us have at the any moment and we prefer to end once for all something which is of no further use to us

I remain,

DRAFT

PEANT December 4th. 1906

We have to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 1st inst enclosing approved proof of the 25pts note with which we will immediately proceed. We also take note of your instructions to send the Sub-Gov rnor of the Bank specimens of the notes. These notes we will hand to Mr. Jauralde for forwarding to Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena. We understand that the date on this value - 25pts - to be the 24th September 1906

<u>EL GUINDO SHARES</u>

Please let us know if these shares are to be bound and if so whether there is to be a perforation between the share and the counterpart. This has not previously been mentioned and is not allowed for in the estimate but it would not mean a large addition to the price.

With no more for today

We remain

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

PEANT December 3rd. 1906

I confirm my letter of the 1st and have before me yours of the 29th Nov:

Tomorrow your 2nd and 4th delivery in all 250,000 notes will arrive together.

I have duly noted your remarks on the designs for 50 and 500 Pts and await with real impatience to receive them.

The designs submitted by the American Bank Note Co: are framed and ornament the engraving department. It is in fact a very beautiful series amongst which there is a remarkable note of 50Pts. Nevertheless it is not possible that designs submitted by the American Company should be undertaken by your house in London it would not do under any pretext for your 2 houses to combine in this affair of the Bank. As it is indispensible to submit at the earliest possible moment the two series of designs for which I have asked you and which I have already announced to the Bank I consider that whilst you were preparing one on the Musil system or another in London another one could be made in New York by a staff possessing engraving material different to what you have at your disposal in London. For instance the engraving of the design of 500Pts has not been found so finely executed as you are in the habit of doing, this must be avoided by all means.

As regards the Imperial Printing Office of Berlin I can only confirm to you my letter of the 15th Nov: The Bank has not entrusted to them any order, it has not been put entirely on one side but it is almost certain that its negotiations

will come to nothing. I have the strongest hopes that it will be the same with the other houses. I am looking after this very closely and I have still the greatest confidence of success

I remain,

revision of your consignments raised a storm on this point, in the twinkling of an eye all the Bank knew of it, I took note of the difference and asked that a mark should be put so as to inform you of the numbers which you would hasten to replace I took two notes and had them shown to the sub-Governor telling him what had happened. He has allowed the marks to be put in the packets but I dont think that he will give out the numbers to be replaced whilst he asked me to advise you so that you might put the matter right.

In ordering the notes from you there are many interests which are damaged and which spare no means to bring to the front everything that could prejudice you. Every day there are little incidents if there is a note lighter or darker in the copper-plate printing or in the duplex printing and a thousand petty details which it is not worth my while to inform you of and which I settle myself without throwing into relief the malice the jealousy or the interest which prompt these people so as not to make myself enemies. On the contrary I sieze these occasions to make myself friends and defenders of the new system.

25 PTS NOTES

Concerning this value I have had an interview with Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena who has manifested to me his desire that the notes should be in circulation before the meting of the shareholders of theBank which will take place at the end of March as he wishes in this way to be properly secured against any attacks which may be made upon him. It would be necessary then to deliver to him the largest possible quantity in February and during the first fortnight in March so that they may be in

in circulation in the whole of Spain at this fixed time.
I have assured him that you would do what was necessary so that his desire should be satisfied.

500 PTS NOTES

Hasten I beg you by all possible means the sending of these designs I assure you that I have need of them. Dont keep me waiting for this. I guarantee to you that it will not be labour lost. It must not be that they get enthusiastic at the Bank over designs of other houses which are submitted in profusion and of the highest class in the endeavour to secure some order.

I thank you forhaving put me in possession of the facts respecting the Musil incident. I think that we shall be able to manage with your system imitating that of Musil if the Bank wishes to have reserve notes on a different system to that of the notes for which you have the order. It is only because of that that I have asked you for another system so as to take away from them the pretext for their giving orders in ~~the~~ Berlin or Vienna. I will go on defending those which you are making now and which are in circulation now.

1000 PTS NOTES

The Bank is now preparing a note of this value. They have engraved a back fairly well and are now engraving a front. The paper is delivered by the Arche Mill and this model belongs to the general plan and naturally it is two or three years now since it has been in course of executien. Don Angel de la Pena starting from the basis that it must be printed here (that it is a note which is not much forged owing

to its circulation being small among people who are not very expert) asked me if you would have any objection to thinking out a duplex ground or another which would give it security and beauty at the same time. That he without this would not authorise its being printed and that he had so informed the engravers at the Bank. I have promised him to speak to you about it assuring him at the same time of your most disinterested assistance; that the Bank is going to believe that a note has security only when it passes through your hands is not a bas thing and I think you ought to facilitate this combination.

DESIGN FOR 50 PTS

The idea of printing the 6,000,000 note for which the Bank has the paper at their place commences to take shape. Send me a brilliant design so that I may secure this business, if you send two that would still be better but do not keep me waiting too long.

I conclude begging you not to leave me to my fate and to send me the materials for me to sustain the fight.

I remain,

DRAFT

PEANT December 7th. 1906

We have to acknowledge your favour of the 3rd inst., for which many than ks. I now enclose our design for the back and front of the 50Pts value note intended for use on the watermark paper now in the possession of the Bank and trust same will be satisfactory.

With regard to the 500Pts design on the Austrian system, we feel a little doubtful in sending a design which may not possess all the securities required and as Mr.Fritz has investigated this sytem for months and must take the responsibility of the system which is not our own but which you say is required by the Bank we have telegraphed for Mr.Fritz to come to London at once to take it to Madrid to explain to you and the Bank officials the safeguards it possesses. This I feel sure will be the most satisfactory in the long run as it is useless for us to complete a whole series of designs on any system which we do not know to be acceptable either from our own or anybodyelse' point of view. I will telegraph you the date of Mr.Fritz arrival.

I have sent to Mr.Green a copy of your letter in reference to making up a series of designs by the American Co: and will let you know at once if he is able to undertake this work when we shall have the pleasure of sending them on to you

We remain,

W.

DRAFT

PEANT December 12th'06

Confirming ours of the 7th inst we now have to acknowledge yours of the 6th and telegram of the 10th

500PTS NOTES

Since writing last Mr.Fritz has arrived in London and we have gone carefully and minutely into the whole question of an alternative method for a new set of designs for the Bank of Spain. It has been as you may imagine a very difficult question owing specially to our determination to do without the Musil system as we do not recognise the value which Mr.Musil himself puts upon it. We have finished a design on a similar idea which however did not meet with Mr.Fritz approval and as we were very anxious that if we submitted a design by another method that we should be enabled to give our guarantee of its security if it were possible to do so instead of submitting a system which only had the approval of its inventor. We have spent a good many hours in deciding thinking it better to delay the first design on this new system for a few days or even a week rather than submit something which would afterwards prove unsatisfactory. We feel sure that we have arrived at a satisfactory conclusion and that the note for the 500Pts if printed from the Model which Mr.Fritz will bring with him will be a very secure note. Mr.Fritz will be enabled to explained to you exactly the advantages and this can be done of course without in any way depreciating the notes which are now being put in circulation. Mr.Fritz will leave London Friday

and Paris Saturday Midday arriving in Madrid Sunday afternoon and proceedxxx to the Hotel de la Paix and will call upon you on Monday morning. You will gather from what I have now said that the fear expressed in your telegram need not be thought of further.

25 PTS NOTES

We note what you say as to Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena's wishes as to the delivery of these notes, we will look very carefully into it and advise you later exactly when we shall be able to make considerable deliveries in order to meet the wishes of the Sub-Governor.

1000 PTS NOTES

Referring to what you say as to the Banks preparation of a note for this value, we quite understand the Banks anxiety to print these on its own premises on account of its value and although it is not customary we feel inclined on this occasion to break our rule and help the Bank in the manner suggested and would suggest that the best plan would be to print on a duplex surface printing on the Banks paper first the plate work could then be added in Madrid aft rwards. We should of xxx course first require dry impressions from the plate for exact register for the surface work thereto and also an indication of whether the notes would be printed 2 or 4 on a sheet. This however we take it for granted you would only consent to if it is impossible to get permission to print the plate work in London from their own plates or new designs of our own for this value.

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50PTS NOTES

We hope you will have before this received our alternative designs for this value printed on watermarked paper and are glad to hear from you that the idea of printing 6,000000 has commenced to take shape. Assuring you now and always of our cordial co-operation in all that can help matters on with the Bank

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

DRAFT

PEANT December 13th 1906

We have duly received your favour of the 10th inst., for which many thanks. It is not necessary to write fully as we did this in our letter of the 12th which crossed yours under reply, and also as Mr.Fritz has left and he can explain matters to you. We can thoroughly recommend his notes and his colours especially are made of material which it is more difficult to alter chemically than we have used before. There are advantages in both ways and it is a matter of opinion very l largely as to whether the plate work should be printed in black or in colour. We feel that you can be perfectly sure that the notes now in circulation are good and secure and that a reserve issue made on the lines for the 500 which Mr.Fritz has with him are equally so. We quite understand from a previous conversation that you would be glad to have Mr.Fritz on a visit and our only object in asking him to go is to help you in any way you may see fit, feeling sure that you will arrive at a satisfactory solution.

J: JORQUERA

Referring to the stamp for this gentleman we now enclose sketch of same. The price for the press and seal etc., complete will be £12:5: and the ink per lb. 4/6 this is the price we charged to the Cartagena Bank which you say must not be exceeded and which was only a little over cost price and a 10% commission altogether is at your disposal as we consider this order to be merely good for advertisement. We return herewith the sketch you sent us and remain,

TRANSLATION

PEANT December 13th'06

I have yours of the 4th and 7th and confirm mine of the 6th and my telegram of today saying "received letter 7th to avoid misunderstanding I notify you that the Bank will never accept that work made at your establishment which does not have your guarantee"

I sent this telegram to save Mr. Fritz a journey if the contents of your last letter were correctly interpreted by me. You know quite well that on my return from London I found that they were talking a good deal at the Bank about the German and Austrian notes. Mr. Maura had been paying a visit to the Imperial Bank of Berlin as well as the Imperial Printing Office, notes of 1000 marks circulated from hand to hand, they were discussing and comparing, the Imperial Printing office of Berlin sent several designs for 50 and 25 Pts notes. They were being asked for prices for them some of them being found really beautiful.

I informed you of what was going on and meanwhile having ascertained that practically for certain the Bank would be disposed to order some other issue before making a definitive decision on the question of its factory and having observed a tendency to put in reserve notes on another system so as to replace in case of need those which might be forged out of those which were in circulation of your system, I pointed out to you the advisability of preparing for me 2 series of notes one on your system another on the Musil system. There was really in

to make another on the Musil system with the sole object of showing the Bank that your house was in a position to provide for all its necessities even for the putting in its reserve stores notes made by another process than those in circulation. On the other hand as you were much behind hand in delivering to me the designs which we had arranged to submit when I was last in London I pointed out to you the advisability of having a series executed in New York having other engravers to select from and other artists to execute them - these designs would have another style & variety.

You have fallen in with my desires as I see from your letters but as regards the Musil system there has been an incident which has prevented you from following out Our first idea and in your letter of the 3rd Dec: you give me notice of this telling me that you have decided to send me an alternative design made up in accordance with your special system which differs from that of Musil in that you do not print it on Chemical paper. In my last letter I replied to you that we would do very well with this system.

But here is your letter of the 7th inst. which reaches me and in which you tell me "not wishing to send a design which will not possess all the guarantees required and since it is Mr.Fritz who during all these months has made a study of the system (it is not our system you understand) which the Bank desires and it is Mr.Fritz who should assume the responsibility etc etc.,"

I cannot believe that you wish Mr.Fritz to take the responsibility for his system to the Bank, it is not admissable

to make another on the Musil system with the sole object of showing the Bank that your house was in a position to provide for all its necessities even for the putting in its reserve stores notes made by another process than those in circulation.
On the other hand as you were much behind hand in delivering to me the designs which we had arranged to submit when I was last in London I pointed out to you the advisability of having a series executed in New York having other engravers to select from and other artists to execute them - these designs would have another style & variety.

You have fallen in with my desires as I see from your letters but as regards the Musil system there has been an incident which has prevented you from following out our first idea and in your letter of the 3rd Dec: you give me notice of this telling me <u>that you have decided to send me an alternative design made up in accordance with your special system</u> which differs from that of Musil in that you do not print it on Chemical paper. In my last letter I replied to you that we would do very well with this system.

But here is your letter of the 7th inst. which reaches me and in which you tell me "not wishing to send a design which will not possess all the guarantees required and since it is Mr.Fritz who during all these months has made a study of the system <u>(it is not our system you understand)</u> which the Bank desires and it is Mr.Fritz who should assume the responsibility etc etc.,"

I cannot believe that you wish Mr.Fritz to take the responsibility for his system to the Bank, it is not admissable

that Mr.Fritz should come to London to inform you as to the process and the form which should be given to a design that, not having succeeded in convincing you, he should come to Madrid to repeat to us what he has said to you and that you did not wish to give the guarantee of your house to it. This the Bank will never accept I assure you and it is for this reason I telegraphed you. Now is it that the responsibility which Mr.Fritz should assume is only towards yourselves and that you yourselves present the process under your guarantee, in that case alright but I must have this point properly cleared up.

Now as regards Mr.Fritz coming to Madrid, is it necessary to make some demonstrative experiments. I should understand that, but if it is to give explanations you might transmit them to me and I would give them when the moment had arrived.

According to my idea I would not push this system unless I saw any danger that some order might by sent either to Berlin or to Austria, if this danger did not exist your designs would lay in the drawer of the sub-Governor.

Well then Mr.Fritz coming would give too much importance to the matter and might be interpreted that you had want of confidence in what you are at present executing.

To sum up, the 500Pts made on your special system a la Musil or on Fritz Austrian system, I hardly know which, cannot be presented to the Bank except under your guarantee.

I do not consider it necessary that Mr.Fritz should come to extol a system which I wish to have under my hands simply in the case of need. It would be sufficient to give me the necessary explanations and above all the most absolute guarantee as to the goodness of the system.

Again this morning when I submitted a 50 Pts note design which you sent me there were in the sub-Governors office some high officials and some directors and speaking of the securities of the design which I was submitting they said to me we have negotiated with BW&Co. because you were their representative, because in addition to the confidence which we have in that house we had confidence in you, we knew that you would never put us on the wrong road, that you quite saw our difficulty and that you would help us to get out of it.

Under these conditions, with manifestations so flattering and recent I cannot but look after the interests of the Bank whilst not bringing any prejudice to those which you have entrusted to me.

I will reply by a later post to your enquiries respecting the shares of the El.Guindo

I remain,

DOMESTIC
JAN 11 1907

TRANSLATION

PEANT

BORDEAUX Dec:28th'06

I confirm to you mine of the 24th written at the moment of departure from Madrid and I have now to send you herewith a letter which I have received from the Sub-Governor of the Bank Don Angel Gonzales de la Pena which states exactly what he wants to know.

50PTS NOTES He wants to know how much the printing of 5,000,000 would cost following the design which you submitted to him with the duplex printing of your system and with the triplex system of Fritz printing. The paper would be 4-set. He also wants to know how much would cost the entering of the paper in England.

500 PTS NOTES He wants to know how much per 1,000 these notes would cost following the design submitted by Fritz reckoning the order to be a million.

1000 PTS NOTES He wants to know what you would ask him per 1,000 notes printed on the paper which the Bank has from the plates - front and back - with a protection similar to that of the 500 Pts notes submitted by Fritz which you would arrange in the best manner. He does not indicate the number of notes which would have to be printed but I think it would be a million. It would be as well that I should have all these prices against my return to Madrid.

We remain etc.,

DOMESTIC
JAN 11 1907

TRANSLATION

DON ANGEL GONZALEZ DE LA PENA to R.Peant

Madrid Dec:25th'06

You have enquired from London the price for printing the 50 Pts notes last submitted and I should like to know not only the price on such conditions but also for that of the 50 Pts design which I now have before me. The number of notes which are on each sheet is 4 and the number to be printed is 5,000,000. - Let us come to details.

50 PTS NOTES Custom duties which would be paid in London on the 5,000,000. Price for the printing per 1,000 as the design which I have before me inclusing packing etc., Price per 1,00 as the design for 500Pts last submitted.

500 PTS NOTES Price per 1,000 with paper for a printing of 1,000,000 notes as the design submitted.

NOTES OF 1000 PTS Price for the printing of the note engraved by Baquer without paper, taking into account that the reproduction of the original plate would be for the London house todo.

Wishing you a Happy New Year

I remain,

DOMESTIC

TRANSLATION

PEANT

December 24th. 1906

I have your favours of the 12th and 13th as well as yours of the19th addressed to Mr.Fritz. Mr.Fritz journey has been a completesuccess, his system has been appreciated to its full value and the design submitted has been received as a masterpiece and confidence in the process is absolute. Don A. G. de la Pena wants to know how much the watermarked paper would cost on its re-entry into England, you will kindly let me know by an early post. You will please tell me how much the 500 Pts notes would cost per 1,000 following the design and system submitted by Mr.Fritz also the estimate for printing the 6,000,000 50Pts notes for which the Bank would supply the paper following your design submitted but modifying the protection which is required as well as the inks like that of the 500 Pts system Fritz. To give the price for the 50Pts value it will be necessary for you to know how many notes go to the sheet in the paper which the Bank has. I have already asked the sub-Governor for this and will let you know it at the earliest possible but if having had a sheet of this paper in London you have an exact remembrance of it or if it were not inconvenient for you to enquire by telegram from the Mill at Arches this would be quicker and would arouse less attention here. I am starting this evening for Bordeaux with my wife. I will return to Madrid 6 or 7th January. If you have anything to

write me I request you to do so at the address which is at the foot of this letter.

Wishing you a good wind up and a good commencement of the year and wishing you complete success in the affairs with regardx to the Bank during the new year I present etc.,

14 Rue du Taillon
BORDEAUX (Gironde)
FRANCE

DOMESTIC
JAN 17 1907

DRAFT

PEANT

January 7th. 1907

We have duly received your favours of the 25th and 28th ult: for which we are much obliged. We are very sorry that owing to the Christmas and New Year Holidays and a great rush of work our reply to these letters has been delayed. We now confirm our telegram sent you today answering a part of your questions i.e., these notes printed in the Fritz system of which you already have the prices in our old system. As a matter of fact it costs us more and we should get a 5% added on to these prices and if you are unable to get this from the Bank it is possible that you can make ~~a~~ the nett amount retained by us for these values more than in the ones now in hand. We will telegraph you shortly the price for the 50Pts note printed on the watermarked paper and may add that there will be no difficulty in getting the paper into England without cost, and with regard to the 1,000Pts notes we should be glad if you would send us an impression of the plate and a sheet of the paper we can then give an exact estimate of the cost of printing from the plate and putting the security ground on. You will easily understand that both these watermark paper notes will be much more expensive owing to the small size of the plates. For example the 50Pts we are now printing are 9 on a sheet while on the paper from the Bank we can only print 4 on; we ~~xik~~ will however keep the price as low as possible.

We note your information with regard to the shipments of the 100Pts notes and I am now endeavouring to get an exact

time for the new 25 and 50Pts. They may be a little delayed owing to the holidays but I will telegraph you immediately I can get the fixed date.

With no more for the moment and again wishing you every happiness and success in the New Year

I remain,

Yours etc.

W.W.

DOMESTIC
JAN 25 1907

DRAFT

PEANT January 11th. 1907

Confirming our letter of the 7th inst we now have pleasure in enclosing estimate for the 50 Pts notes on the Banks own paper - watermarked. You will of course notice at once the great increase in price to that of the 50Pts note we are now manufacturing. The explanation of this is simple and you will at once understand it. The notes we are printing now are, as you know, 9 on a sheet, whereas those we shall have to print on the watermarked paper will be only 4 on a sheet thus doubling the cost of all the different processes, as however they will make use of the paper they have and which would be otherwise useless we hope that you will be able to secure the order for us. The other work is all going on satisfactorily and we await your further news respecting the 500 Pts and impressions of the plate already engraved for the 1000Pts notes.

With best compliments

DOMESTIC
25 1907

TRANSLATION

PEANT

11 January 1907

I got back to Madrid on the 9th and there found your telegram saying on the 7th inst., "Price values 50 and 500 system Fritz ought to be higher by 5% but will not insist if you think it necessary to keep to those already fixed we are writing" and on the 8th inst., "1st despatch 50 Pts 25 Jan 1st 25 Pts 8th Feb". Yesterday I received your letter of the 7th contents of which I have duly noted. I ha e communicated to Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena the dates of the 1st deliveries of the 50 and 25Pts and have info med him that the paper which the Bank would send to London would not pay any customs duties, that has pleased him but he was greatly annoyed when I told him that I had no prices for the 50 and 500 Pts notes and that I expected them at any moment. I asked him for a sheet of the 1,000Pts note paper and a proof from the plates so that you might consider their protection and ga e your prices for them as you will have seen from the letter which I send you from the Sub-Governor of the Bank he wishes to know

1st. The price of the 500 Pts note for an order of 1,000000 on the Fritz system and on your system.

2nd. The price for the printing of the 50 Pts note on the paper which the Bank has, also on the 2 systems.

3rd. The price for the printing of the 1,000Pts note for which the Bank would supply the engravings.

Your letter of the 7th inst., tells me that you will send me the price for the printing of the 50Pts notes and that I should ask for the elements so that you might consider that of

the 1,000 Pts e this is understood.

Now for the 500Pts note I have no other prices for this denomination beyond that given in our tender for 10 years contract of £2:15:2: per 1,000 Kindly tell me by telegram if it is to this price that you refer and upon which you would wish if possible to add 5% for the Fritz system; If this is so kindly authorise me to submit the price which circumstances shall permit over and above £2:15:2: per 1,000 in the same telegram. You will also kindly give me in the shortest possible time the price for the 50Pts upon the Banks paper. I have forgot at Bordeaux the letter which you addressed me there also the invoice for the shipment of 250,000 and the memo of the 4 deliveries, would you be kind enough to send me duplicate of all these so that I may put my papers in order. The shipment of 250,000 notes was deliveried by my representative and is all in order. I was advised of your yesterdays consignment of 300,000 notes.

The Portfolio of Amortizable bonds has come back to the debt office quite in order, next week probably the Minister will sign/ ratafication of it and we shall be able to put the contract before the Notary.

You will find enclosed the order for the seal for J.Jorquera e Hijos of Cartagena with which you will send two lbs of Green ink to be used in the stamping. As soon as you ca can manage it will you kindly send me a memorandum of my account up to 31st December.

Yours truly

DOMESTIC

TRANSLATION

PEANT January 15th'07

I confirm my letter of the 11th and have yours of the same date enclosing invoice of your despatch of the 9th and estimate of the cost of the note of 50Pts printed upon the watermark paper which the Bank has. It is probable that the pressure of business at the end and beginning of the year has prevented you from giving to this estimate all the reflection which this affaire demands, hence the necessity in which I find myself of making some remarks to you on the subject.

In principal it is inadmissable that the Bank of Spain should give you £3:10:6: plus the paper which it has in its possession with the expenses which its sending to London would involve it being given that you make them the same note supplying everything for £2:9:4: You have calc lated deducting paper exactly double less 2/1d and I dont very well see how for a work which you should have every interest in doing and which you must manage to obtain at no matter what price you should fix higher prices than the cur ent ones.

We were perfectly in accord that it was advisable in this affaire of the Bank to do for them the printing on their paper. That brought home to the Council the impossibility in which its note factory found itself and compelled them to do nothing by themselves without passing through the house of B.W.& Co. In this manner we expedited the solution of the matter

I have manoeuvred in this way aided by the Directors of the Bank and some of the Councillors. I have managed that

they ask you for designs then for prices for the 50 and 1000 Pts values in the hope that it might be the same for those of 100 and 25 and you will understand that I cannot risk losing all this simply by the presentation of the estimate which you sent me in your last letter. It is necessary that you should make the sacrifices it will be necessary and submit a price below that which it costs you for the 50Pts notes that you are printing at the present time and this will be more easy for you in view of the high prices which you have quoted for this value and the great difference which there is between the printing of 1 plate 9-set and 1 plate 4-set as well as certain other prices which can be reduced instead of being doubled.

Rest assured that I speak to you only in the interests of the business which we are pursuing. It is in looking at the general outlines and not in discounting only the 5,000,000 of notes which this value represents that we shall succeed.

I remain etc.

DOMESTIC
JAN 31 1907

TRANSLATION

PEANT January 15th. 1907

Confirming my letter of the 14th I had an advise from the first sub-Governor to go and see him to day at his office and on presenting myself to him I received a very severe reprimand directed upon you which has very much upset me. He put before me on his table 10 notes of 100Pts made in London saying to me these notes have been given in in one payment , they are then notes which are now circulating,would you have the goodness to show me two alike. I examined with care these notes and in the duplex printing there were three well defined shades - one too strong, one too weak, one medium, even two medium shades. Then the printing of the dates and signatures had three different ~~xxxixx~~ sorts of register exceedingly visible in every way. Higher, lower, more to the right and more to the left. I had the air of finding all these without importance and not very well seeing these differences but he stopped me and said to me word for word - "Notes coming from the house you represent should not have any differences, do you understand me, absolutely no difference. In the first place we are treating with a serious house and they have offered to us a perfect work, this perfection does not exist from the moment that I, who am not an expert point out to you the differences. Secondly, as we had the double guarantee of your competency to make your house understand perfectly what is our wish and to request them to avoid delivering us notes which do not fullfil the conditions offered by you and expected by us. I look

to you to immediately notify to London the bad impression which these defects have given me and to give them my assurance that I could not admit them in the future."

I promised him to transmit to you literally his words and I persisted in demonstrating to him that only his long experience in studying and comparing notes enabled him to notice these differences which could not be considered as defects. He said to me further "I venture to hope that you will take serious note of my observations and in this hope all this will remain between ourselves but on the condition that this will not take place again in the future".

I made him all sorts of promises and changed the conversation. He told me that he was waiting for my prices to propose the printing of the notes of 500 and of the 6,000000 of 50Pts notes - it is no longer 5,000,000 but 6,000,000 - I replied that I was expecting them at any moment.

He showed me a letter from Jauralde advising him of your despatch of 25,000 notes of the 50Pts for the 25th inst., and 100,000 notes of the 25Pts for the 1st Feb: telling me that he reckoned on your commencing next month to deliver him 500,000 notes of each value and that he recommended to you above all the 25Pts notes which he wished to have in full circulation in the month of March. The reclamation which Don Angel Gonzelez de la Pena has just notified me with energetic severity has been the more felt that it is really merited. When Mr. Fritz came to Madrid I informed him of the great trouble which I experienced in verifying the despatches

which you sent. to the Bank. I let him see several thousands of notes and called his attention to the great differences which exist between them asking him to notify you of them on his return to London. I have no doubt that he will have done so and at the present moment you will have done the needful to make ~~the Bank~~ your printings more regular, better executed. This is really not the moment to make the Bank dis-satisfied and cause them to lose confidence for it would be of no service to me to get you orders so as to demonstrate to them the good quality of your notes and to make them desire a contract if your delivery of notes comes to discourage them and make them lose confidence. I dont wish to further resist, you will reflect upon the contents of this letter and upon my letter of yesterday and I shall know by your decision if your desire is to assure to yourselves the complete supply of the Bank or to leave it to its fate.

Please dont forget the time for the delivery of the shares of the ElQuindo Warrants.

We remain,

DOMESTIC
DRAFT JAN 31 1907

PRANT Jan:18th'07

I have your letter of the 14th which I fail to understand. I assure you that it was certainly not the occupations from the end and beginning of the year, although these are somewhat considerable, which prevented us from bringing to bear upon the calculations of the price of the 50 Pts notes on watermarked paper all thexx reflections which these calculations merit, but from you say in your letter under reply you appear to want us to make a contract for the printing of these 5,000,000 or say 6,000,000 notes at a loss, the advantage of which, I tell you frankly I do not see. Taking into account all the circumstances, the prices quoted to the Bank are not exhorbitant and though we are, as much as yourself, anxious to obtain and to keep all the orders of the Bank of Spain we hope to make some profit on a work which would occupy a considerable portion of our plant. As our last letter told you the cost price per 1,000 notes is in fact double by the printing in sheets of 4 sets each instead of 9 since the results from the printing of a given number of sheets -set more than double the quantity of notes that result from the same number of 4-set. Whilst the price per sheet, or say per ream is in fact the same. You call our attention to the great difference which exists in the printing of a plat 9 set and one of 4, it is this which we have just explained to you. You add "as well as certain other prices which might be reduced" and I should be much interested to know what these are. I dont agree with you when you say that we have reckoned

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deducting paper, exactly double less 2/1d. We have quoted £2:3:6: for the present notes deducting the paper which is worth 5/1d there remains £1:18:5: double which would be £3:16:10: Our price of £3:10:6: is 6/4 less than the double not 2/1.

I must repeat after having again gone through our estimate that the price quoted is lower compared with that which we get for the 50Pts which we are now printing and I do not see why you cannot explain it so to the Bank. Do you suggest that we tell the Bank that we are prepared to print these notes at a loss to our house of £600 or £700 Naturally we shall be prepared to make a reasonable arrangement with the Bank and to sacrifice our profits so as to satisfy them if you consider it indispensible but in this case would you be disposed to give up your commission. If you will be good enough to send us a telegram saying yes or no to this query we should be in a position to telegraph you a price reduced as much as possible for this value. We are most desirious of doing what would be agreeable to the Bank but it is very important that you should quite understand our reasons for quoting the price under consideration just as we are endeavouring to comprehend your ideas.

Your letter of the 15th reached us after we had written the foregoing and I am annoyed at what you tell us respecting the 100Pts. It is much to be regretted that at the commencement of the printing the variation in printing arising from the haste in which the Bank demanded the notes was more than it should have been but after having talked with Mr.Fritz

on his return from Madrid all this has been put right and we do not think you will have any cause in the future to disturb yourself on this account.

Awaiting the pleasure of hearing from you

We remain,

T H SAUNDERS
1869

TRANSLATION

PEANT January 21st 807

I have yours of the 18th inst which replies to my letters of the 14th as well as yours of the 16th which brings me duplicate of the letter addressed to me at Bordeaux.

Not wishing too obstinately to persist in my way of looking at things in the face of yours which is contrary; On the receipt of your letter I went to the Bank and asked for a private interview with the sub-Governor who shut himself up with me in a little office on the spot. I put before him with all frankness the problem as well as your estimate of the 11th Jan: and I gave him all the explanations in fustification of the price of £3:10: 6: for which you ask. He let me talk as long as I wished then he said to me - "I have given sufficiently elequent proofs of the sympathy which I feel for your business but I could never submit to the Council a proposal to have made 6,000,000 notes for which I should have to give a surplus of £6,000 and the paper whilst I could have the same work without this increase in price and keep my paper. If your firm wants to have their notes come to Madrid they must help me, it is necessary that they relieve me of all the note paper which I have in my possession if they dont see their interest in doing so they ought to see the convenience of it for the future. I have multitudes of offers carefully stowed away in my drawer having asked the house of BW&CO to do these printings for me, they do not respond to the interest I have in them when they ask me exhorbitant prices for I cannot agree to pay 4d for what I can now get for 2d.

I have already spoken separately to all the Councillors about my idea of having these printings done by your house and they are practically all agreed upon it, if I told them now that you did not want to do it, or what is the same thing, if I submit to them a much higher price than that which the notes now being made in London are going to cost the effect would be disastrous and for a certainty the influences contrary to your house would profit by this to start negotiations which I have always put aside out of friendship to you."

I replied to him that I would let you know his reply and that I might give him the assurance that you would respond adequately to the proof of the great sympathy which you were receiving. I calledhis attention to the fact that in spite of this the factors not being the same the price would come out dearer to him in spite of our efforts that the price of the papr from Perrigot Masure would be certainly twice as dear as what it costs you plus the increase for the Fritz system. "Please dont go on" he said, "it is one thing to make a business of 10 and another thing to prepare one of a 1,000. You are now preparing one of a 1,000. Everybody will not be able to see or recognise all the details which you are poitning out to me, Here we have a certain thing, it is that you are doing for me 4,000,000 notes of 50Pts at £2:9:4: and I can not give you the paper for you to make me 6,000,000 at a higher price., that the whole of the council will recognise and would protest againt it energetically."

Upon this our interview finished, I have transmitted it to you with fidelity and it reproduced the argument which my letter of the 14th put before you. You ask me in your letter if I want to suggest to you to use your plant and to lose £600 or £700 and I, whenever you have given me the latitude have increased the prices in your contracts for more than this sum, who have set you the example by sacrificing in this business much more important sums looking always to placing myself on the ground where I find myself now, telling you it is absolutely necessary that you do these printing of notes at the prices which they desire because such is the interest of the affair in general and because we must not draw back but respond to the deferences which the Bank has for your house.

Now you ask me to give up my commission depose of it either in part or altogether, your conscience will dictate to you if there is any loss to suffer who is to suffer. I have written to you instead of telegraphing as your letter asked me to do because in this way I have been able to inform you upon the manner in which Don Angel Gonzelez de la Pena looked at the affair and to save you sending him a price which straight away he tells me he could not submit. As it urgent will you have the kindness to send me your price by telegram Thursday on receipt of the present letter.

Not wishing to lose this post by replying to the various other points on which your letter asks me to reply I give you the assurance that I will not fail to notify you

by next post the grounds which I have for my conviction that xxx your prices given for the notes of 50Pts have a margin which permits you without great effort to give satisfaction to the Bank in its present pretentions.

DOMESTIC
FEB 1907

TRANSLATION

PEANT January 22nd. 1907

As I can only form an opinion on your prices by making a comparison of those you have sent me you will allow me in continuation of my letter of yesterday to make reference to the schedule which accompanied your letter of the 31st May lasy and there you will see(in opposition to your letter of the 18th Sept: in which the 50Pts notehis in the copperplate printings a slight increase over that of 25Pts) that between the notes of 25 and 50 there is a difference of practically 10% and between 25 and 1000 more than 25% (I consider that between the printing of a 9 set plate for the 50Pts and one of 4 set the difference should be greater than between the 12-set note of 25 and the 4-set of the 1,000 Pts:) In this same schedule you reckoned the paper for the 100Pts at £1:6:8: in your letter of the 15th May £1:6:0: cheaper, as it should be, than in the schedule. In notes of 25 and 50 it is the contrary; the 25 and 50 are the same £1:14:9: in the schedule and £3:6:8: for the 25 and £2:6:3: for the 50 in your estimate of the 18th Sept:

The printing plates for the 100 Pts notes are 1/3 } might be reduced instead of being doubled
the printing plates for the 50Pts 3/-

I consider that the £3:6:6: for the cutting, hot-pressing and packing and the 12/- ~~and 12/-~~ for the delivery in single notes have no right to be doubled. (nor do I understand why for the litho printing on the back it should be impossible to use two lays and print 2 sheets for the same price,perhaps

you might be able to do the same thing for the numbering but as regards this I do not know if you have any reasons which prevent you from doing so.

Set out the figures of all these differences and tell me if I was in error in saying to you that the prices for the 25 and 50 were good prices and that in considering the general lines of the affair and not the printing of the 6,000000 it would be very easy for you to accede to the desires manifested by the Bank. But let the result be what it will it would have a deplorable effect not to conform to the wish of the Bank who only after all asked for a thing which is exceedingly logical and which is in our interest as well. We ought to beg them to give us these printings instead of running up the price to them. Today as yesterday, I will still tell you let it cost what it will it must be done.

In the extract of my current account you have imitted to debit and credit the amounts mehtioned in my letter of the 24th Oct: I will be glad if you will do this and also credit me with Pts160,20 as per memo herewith of telegrams which I have sent you.

DOMESTIC
FEB 8 1907

DRAFT

PEANT Jan 25th'07

Your letters of the 21st and 22nd duly reached us and after having carefully considered the whole question we sent you the following telegram

"We agree to your recommendation kindly telegraph price agreeable to Bank"

After the interview which you recounted to us with the Sub-Governor it is no longer a question of the increase in ~~price~~ expense arising from the printing of the notes in sheets of 4-set instead of sheets of 9-set but a question of pleasing the Directors of the Bank and we are quite of your opinion that we must do the issue in question at the price which they desire so as to ensure business of much greater importance in the future. Nevertheless the first time that you are in London if you are agreeable to go into the subject we will explain it to you fully and we do not doubt we shall be able to convince you that the printing per 1,000 of notes 4-set costs us and must cost us almost double that of those printed 9-set as we have told you.

EL QUINDO

We enclose a complete proof of this share and awaiting your reply

We remain

Yours faithfully,

T H SAUNDERS 1869

TRANSLATION

COPY OF PEANTS LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF SPAIN

DOMESTIC
FEB 15 1907

January 16th 1907

I have the pleasure to communicate to you the price which Messrs BW&Co of London send me for the notes of 500Pts as per the last design submitted - system Fritz - the price of which is as follows:-

For 1,000,000 notes of 500Pts size 11 x 15, paper like that of the 100Pts with plate printing on front and back, triplex protective printing and another for the signatures on the front and finally another printing also protective on the back using special chemical inks in all the printings, numbered once on the front and 4 times on the back £3:14:6:

The remaining conditions will be those stipulated previously.

The price above mention if the note were produced as the first sketch on a similar system to those of the 25, 50 and 100 Pts already ordered would be reduced by 5% say to £3:10:10:

Awaiting your orders

I remain R:PEANT

TRANSLATION

BANK OF SPAIN TO PEANT January 28th '07

The Council of Administration at its meeting today has decided to entrust to B.W.& Co. of London whom you represent in this City the manufacture of 1,000,000 notes of 500Pts on the following conditions:-

B.W.& Co will manufacture the 1,000,000 notes of this series, size 11 x 15 c/m on paper of equal quality to that for the 100Pts notes, plate printing on the front and on the back, triplex protective printing and another for the sugnatures on the front and finally another printing - protective on the back using special chemical inks in all the printings and numbered once on the front and 4 times on the back at the price of £3:14:6: per 1,000 notes.

This price is understood to be in London and includes the engraving and reproduction of plates, there remaining for the exclusive account of the Bank all expenses of packing, freight, insurance, customs etc., The London house will deliver the notes hot-pressed, cut up, revised and packed in its works but the definitive delivery will be made in Madrid by the representative of B.W.& Co.

The notes will have to combine the greatest perfection of engraving, printing and numbering, the greatest possible durability as regards paper and must offer the greatest known guarantees at the present day against forgery.

The dates for execution of the said 1,000,000 of 500Pts will be as follows:-

For the manufacture of designs	2 weeks
For preparing plates and blocks (dating from the approval of the designs)	6 weeks
For the engraving of special vignetts should this be necessary	2 months
For the first delivery of notes reckoning from the date of the approval of the final proof	2 months
For the subsequent deliveries at the rate of 250,000 every	2 weeks

The payments will be effected in pounds sterling by means of cheques on London and for the amount of each consignment.

The London house will admit in its works the intervention of the Bank on the following terms:-

1st. The representative of the Bank, who will be its Director of the Agency in London, will personally supervise at the paper Mill the deliveries which are made day by day keeping account of same and giving a weekly report to the Bank of the result.

2nd. He will also personally supervise at the printing factory the deliveries of the notes at each one of the stages in the printing keeping daily account of the printing from each one of the plates and of the spoilt paper and giving also an account of all this weekly.

3rd. The return of surplus paper, spoilt notes and plates will be made by means of a proces verbal drawn up by B.W.& Co and by the Agency of the Bank.

4th. The spoilt notes will be destroyed at the factory itself in the presence of the representative of the Bank and of this he will draw up a proces v rbal.

5th The surplus paper and the plates will remain deposited in the custody of the Bank of England or of another Bank until such tima as the Bank of Spain may arrange for having them forwarded.

B.W.& Co will submit final proofs of the notes before commencing the printing. As soon as the printing of the notes is finished the original plates will be deposited with the Bank of Spain in the name of the said Bank and of B.W.& Co. so that they can only be withdrawn with the consent of both parties. The council of administration has also decided to approve the designs of the Fritz system for the front and back of the said notes of 500Pts without more alteration than that of engraving in them the date

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and the signature of the Gobernador Sanchez Guerra in the place of those which appear on the design.

Herewith then I return you the said designs on the understanding that you return them to me when you send me the final proofs.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

PEANT   January 29th'07

I confirm my telegram of yesterday which said "Received order note 500 system Fritz Peant"

I have your favours of the 21st and 25th inst., and your telegram of the 25th which said "We agree to your recommendation kindly telegraph price agreeable to the Bank" You will find enclosedthe letter which I wrote to the Governor of the Bank giving him the price for the 500Pts note, the design approved for the 500Pts system Fritz, and the appro-v-ed proof for the El Quindo share.

As you will see in my letter to the Governor the price is £3:14:6: per 1,000. In the approval of the council it is understood that all the conditions stipulated for the former notes will be applied for this contract both for paper and times for delivery, method of payment etc.

On the designs the sub-governor called my attention to the fact that the signature of the Gobernador being very large and heavy it would be as well to leave him a little more space for his signature. I told him in reply that that might spoil the harmony of the general effect and he did not insist. I think all the same that so as to fall in with his desire you might leave two or three more m/m space below for the signatures and make the circumference of the duplex somewhat narrower but that remains at your discretion.

The numbering will go as in the other notes - 4 number

on the back and one in the place where it is in the design on the front.

Tomorrow's post will bring the signatures of the new Governor Sanchez Guerra, the Interventor is the same as in the preceding notes.

The sub-Governor having found the engravings very fine and supple in the designs but gross and hard on the notes requests you to send the designs with the final proof of the note so that he can better appreciate the perfection with which the engraving has been reproduced. As this implies a want of confidence in the perfection of the work you would do well to take every precaution so that your reproductions should come out perfect.

In the proof of the El Guindo share you will notice 2 small corrections in the German Text. In addition they desire that the signatures should come below the title - for instance:-

Le President du Conseil d'Administration

(The signature)

Un Administratino

(The signature)

The same in the two texts German and French.
Notice on the proof the two allegorical vignettes are a little weak more especially the one on the endorsement.

I will finish off this letter to you tomorrow and with my congratulations to you for this new order

I remain etc., R:PEANT

TRANSLATION

PEANT 30th Januray 1907

I continue my letter of yesterday and send you enclosed the signature of the Governor of the Bank -

SANCHEZ GUERRA

which will have to go on the 500 Pts note. I should notify you that as it is written on the approval noted on the decision the notes will bear the date, 28th January 1907

NOTES OF 50PTS

Your telegram and letter have been very welcome to me and I thank you for them. I have considered them so opportune that after having added to them the real price which this printing should I have given them to the sub-Governor so that your act of sacrifice should remain in ~~their~~ your folio and so that the Bank may have before its eyes your disinterestedness when it is a question of satisfying the desires of your customer. We have to consider this question of price and all my efforts will attend to make it for you the least orenous possible. I will ask you so as to have some advantages of which to avail myself in discussing the price to send me a design with the same engraving and arrangements as that which we have submitted but made in accordance with the Fritz protective system. I will also ask you that during the stay of Mr.Fritz in London you arrange with him a series of designs in accordance with his system for the values of 25, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 I have great hopes of the results which this would produce with the Bank. The 1,000 Pts note which they are engraving at the Bank will not be finished before the first

fortnight in March, if by this time these designs could be submitted they might compare that for the 1,000 Pts with their own engraving and possibly they would decide to do everything in London which would be preferable. The political situation having changed with the Government I have the satisfaction of tell you that I have succeeded in getting the portfolio of the new bonds signed by the outgoing minister in his testiment i.e., amongst the documents which are put forward to him for signature, after having quitted the minister and with the postponed date. There is now only the little question of departmental details to go through and I shall be able to make a contract.

The last paragraph of my letter of the 22nd respecting the memo of my current account has not been replied to in your letter and I now ask you once more to rectify your books in accordance with my observations, so as to finish the business.

For the future it would be as well if you would indicate to me the houses or persons to whom you think of sending your Calenders. We should then give a proof of good understanding to your customers in Spain and should avoid one and the same person receiving from you a calender without any note of the name of your representative in Spain and at the same time receive one from me with the note which you have so kindly proposed to put on those for this year.

Tomorrow morning your consignment of notes of the 25 inst will reach Madrid and I will deliver them to the Bank.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

PEANT 31st January 1907

I confirm my letter of yesterday and herewith send you two designs for wax seals required by the Banco de Cartagena for its Branches Orohuela and Caravaca. It is required that the new seals should be identical with the wax seals which I send you altering only the word "Cartagena" at the foot substituting ORIHUELA and CARAVACA.

Now I find that the letters of Bco do Cartagena and the "Cartagena" below are too small, not large enough for the size of the seal in the sketch - kindly correct this. They also want two seals with the letters B.C intwined and in a curve and below the word "Caravaca in one and Orihuela in the other.

For all this you will kindly send me designs and prices telling me the discount to give to the Agent in Cartagena.

I have just made the delivery of your last consignment of notes and as it comprised 25,000 of 50Pts notes the sub-Governor and two directors came with 2 engravers to be present at the opening of the cases. I have again the regret to inform you that in the first 3,000 which they looked at of this value of 50Pts they have found great difference of shade in the duplex printing especially in the yellow. Herewith is the letter which the Bank sent me co municating to me the decision of the Council on the 28th inst.

I remain,

PEANT   Feb 4th'07

We now have the pleasure to acknowle ge receipt of your telegram of the 28th Jan: and your letters of the 29th 30th and 31st together with enclosures for all of which we are much obliged.

500PTS NOTES

We were very pleased to note that you had succeeded in securing this order and at once put in hand the preparation of the engravings. The two female figures on the face of this note are only half finished and therefore reserve for us the 2 months necessary for the completion of the engravings instead of 6 weeks. We are also glad to know that you have got a good price for this note.

MR: FRITZ

This gentleman is at present in Vienna ass as soon as we have arranged accomodation for him here he will be coming to London in order to give his advice on the preparation of this 500Pts note and for the new design for 50Pts you ask for and the other values.

GENERAL We would ask you however to postpone as much as possible any decision as to further values until we have finished the first two or three values we have now in hand which will be two or three months, as the printing of these occupy so many of our machines that together with other large orders in hand all our machines are working late every night. The completeion of the 100, 50 and 25 will of course free

a great proportion of these and we shall be ready for any other work. I am very sorry there should be another complaint about the unequalness of the duplex work. I am trying all I can to insist on its being carefull printed but it is caused by the slight difference in the way of damping employed by different men as we have three machines on the back and front of each value. At the same time I may say that the work cannot be considered as bad as some little irregularity is inevitable. It is just the same withregard to the remarks you make as to the comparison of the engravings of the designs and those of the notes. In the first case they are proved from the original dies on soft paper and in the 2nd from printing plates upon hard banknote paper and nothing in the world can make it possible for them to be equal in appearance, every precaution however shall be taken to see that it comes as near as possible.

EL QUINCO BONDS

We will make the necessary corrections in the proof of this bond and proceed as quickly as possible with the printing.

CURRENT ACCOUNT

I will see at once that your memo as to this account in your letter of the 22nd shall be attended to at once.

CALENDARS

In future we will send all Calendars intended for Spain to you direct so that you can distribute them as you think best.

BANK OF CARTAGENA

Your enclosures of wax design for 2 new seals and designs for other 2 seals for this Bank shall be attended to at once and designs and prices forwarded to you in due course.

I remain,

P.W.W.

DOMESTIC
FEB 21 1907

TRANSLATION

PEANT February 8th 1907

I have before me yours of the 4th inst.

500PTS NOTES

I have communicated with the Governor of the Bank that in view of the engravings not being finished you would require 2 months instead of 6 weeks for submitting the final proof. He is agreeable to this but on condition that afterwards you do not delay your time of delivery as you are doing for the 25 and 50Pts. He informed me that he counted on your next consignment containing a considerable quantity of the 25Pts notes as you had promised him.

MR:FRITZ

I have duly noted what you tell me on this subject but it is very urgent for me to receive the designs for which I have asked you even though I make my reserves as regards the times of delivery. Try then to get Mr.Fritz to London at the earliest possible so that the work in connection with the designs shall not be done with haste which might intefere with the high perfection with which they should be treated in every way. This series of designs must not be inferior to the design for the 500Pts which they have just ordered from you.

For the backs of this series of designs it will be necessary to find something else besides the shield for the arms of Spain. Dont you think that this subject has been enou h used.

BCO DE CARTAGENA Please send me designs and estimate

for the four wax seals and dont proceed to do anything without the approval of these designs and estimate.

GENERAL REMARKS

I have duly noted the observations which you make. I dont think that I could put off the matter of the 50Pts notes so long but will set back the ~~maxe~~times of delivery as much as possible and in the preparations which you name. It might easily happen that at the meeting of shareholders at the Bank which takes place on the 5th March next Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena may wish to have already ordered the 50Pts and to have swept aside the obstacles which offer themselves to him so as to be able to take up in May or June the matter and decide about their note factory.

Please advise me as far ahead as possible of the dates and the quantities of each value of your consignments. I receive the duplicates of your invoice almost at the same time as the goods and I cant give any detailed explanation on the subject.

If you have 2 or 3 calendars left kindly send them over to me for I have been asked for some and would like to satisfy the people who are enquiring for them.

EL GUINDO

I am asked for 10 Specimen~~s~~ proofs of these shares which you will of course deliver at the same time as the order.

I remain,

DRAFT

DEANT Feb:12th'07

We have duly received your favour of the 8th inst., As we have now nearly completed the engraving of the two special vignettes of the new 500Pts note I have written Mr. Fritz to come to London. No time has been lost owing to his not being here as to the preparation of the other designs as all our artists have been engaged and we have only been able so far to begin looking out suitable pictures for these notes. You can rely upon our doing all this work as quickly as possible. At the same time, we need hardly remind you that our promises for all the various notes now in hand have been based upon the promise we made for the 100Pts which is a very different thing to a similar promise where we have three or four values all having to be ~~shipped~~ worked at the same time. We are working late every night in order to keep up as near as we can to the supply required and we trust to you to convince the Bank that to hurry them any more would be entirely detrimental to their being delivered in a satisfactory condition. I will write you further on these matters after having had a talk with Fritz. Referring to our advices as to dates and quantities of our consignments we will send you notice of these in future a few days before each said consignment.

CALENDARS Anticipating your requirements for more Calendars we had already forwarded you the balance in our possession - about 25 with your name and and about 25 blank and hope these will meet your requirements.

EL GUINDO

We are pushing on with the ElGuindo Bond and take note of your further order for 10 Specimens to be sent with the order.

BCO DE CARTAGENA We hope tomorrow to send you the designs and estimates for the saals for this Bank

With best compliments

P.W.W.

DOMESTIC
MAR -4 1907

TRANSLATION

PEANT 14th February 1907

I confirm my letter of the 8th and now advise you that before the end of this week the Direction of the Debt will send to Mr. Jauràlde the corrections to be made for the printing of the 5% Amortizable Bonds and the order to deliver you the plates.

The Director of the Debt wishes this work to be put in hand with the greatest possible speed seeing that the first coupon which appears on the Bond is for the month of August next and that before this date it will be necessary that the public has them in their possession. Tomorrow they will very probably let me know who is the Notary who will draw up the formal contract, everything will be done, at the same time he does not wish that you should wait for all these formalities to prepare the plates and make the paper.

Your despatch of the 7th inst., has been delivered to the Bank yesterday - Wednesday - without incident.

We remain,

DOMESTIC
MAR -4 1907

TRANSLATION

PEANT Feb:16th'07

Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena sent for me to his office to hand me the two notes of 25Pts Nos.1. and 2 for me to send them to you and for you to send me back by return post registed 2 which are alike as regards duplex printing and register bearing the nos. 1. and 2 and asking you to return to me these two notes cancelled. He has expressed himself as very dissatisfied with your consignments, as yesterday at the moment when he was starting for the Council he asked for these two notes and when he saw these two different in shade and register he did not dare to show them. Nos.1. and 2 having to be dedicated to the King of Spain he cant do so unless they are alike. I will not fatigue you by relating the deductions which from this fact have concluded our interview I have referred to them several times and I could only notify you of attitudes more energetic, less tolerant, The first observation was made with fear the second was a friendly remonstrance now an energetic authoratitive tone is employed with a touch of bitterness, you will see where you will have the Bank presently. It would be so easy for you I think not to deliver notes of which the printing is either too light or too dark to insure that between notes of one and two there should be no difference.

I did not think that this was the occasion to discuss with the sub-governor the contents of your favour of the 12th I dont expect to see him until I take him the notes which I

ask you to return to me under registered cover the same day as you receive this letter. He has made me promise this in giving them to me.

AMORTIZABLE BONDS

The Notary Don Camilo Avila and F[dez] Hernestrosa having been named to draw up the contract for the 5% amortizable bonds I have handed them the necessary material yesterday the 15th inst.

I remain,

DOMESTIC

MAR -1 1907

DRAFT

PEANT February 19th 1907

We have duly received your favours of the 14th and 16th inst., for which many thanks.

5% AMORTIZABLE BONDS

We have seen Mr.Jauralde and have obtained from him the cases containing the plates for this bond, we will proceed at once with making the alterations as marked upon the copy he gave us and await instructions as to colours and quantities.

25PTS NOTES

We are exceedingly sorry at the dissatisfaction caused by the variation in colour of these notes. We are very much alive to the inportance of uniformity and have done our best the throw out the extremes either light or dark, and those thrown out at spoilage here have amounted to 15 or 20% a much bigger proportion than usual. Of course it was most unfortunate that Nos.1. and 2. should have varied as much as they have and we enclose as you request two more notes Nos. 1. and 2 with the old ones cancelled. It is impossible to avoid a certain variation but with all the notes we have printed we have had no complaints on this score. We may explain to you, though probably this would not be interesting to the Bank, that the register between the colour blocks is so close that it is imperative that it should be printed upon dry paper first, the colour is then quite even on all the sheets; the trouble arises when the paper is damped for the steelplate printing when each man damps the paper in a slightly different way.

and uses a different pressure when printing which affects the colour.to the extent noticed. In notes where this register security surface printing is not used and the ground printed afterwards this variation does not occur and yet the individual notes of course do not possess the same security i.e., a small sacrifice of exact uniformity has to be made in order to obtain the great advahtages of extra security.

It is needless to say that everything will be done here that can be thought of to make it as exact as possible and instructions have been given to throw out even a greater proportion of notes and I trust you will have no more serious complaints.

I remain,

P.W.W.

(COPY)

DOMESTIC
MAR -1 1907

PARIS Feb:15th'07

Dear Sir:-

BANK OF SPAIN

Mr.Amezqueta, the Agent here, wants to know whether you can supply him with very small cheques, the whole cheque book not to exceed about the size marked below so that it does not exceed the size of a pocket book and can be conveniently carried, i told him that we could but we probably had no samples in stock of so small a size He wants to have a sample of the smallest size you have. You had better send me tomorrow a few samples the style of which would be suitable to adopt to such a size The sample he showed me was a very common specimen I believe the enquiry came to him from Madrid Please attend to this immediately so that I need not stop here later than Monday.

Yours truly

R:HAUPTMANN

DOMESTIC
MAR 15 1907

~~DRAFT~~

from PEANT Feb:22nd'07

I have yours of the 19th and 20th inst. and confirm mine of the 21st.

CREDIT LYONNAISE

You will find enclosed two sketches for cheques for which please have the kindness to send me an estimate for the supply of 50,000, 100,000 and 500,000 engraving and and binding separately.

BACO DE CARTAGENA

The Cashier wants a sketch made for a Brass seal for wax with the letters "CM" entwined in the style of the one which has been ordered No.3. but with the circle smaller. He wants his seal to be very high relief - with the sketch send the price.

I remain,

DOMESTIC
No 1548

TRANSLATION

MARCH 1st '07 from Peant

I confirm my letter of the 21st and 23rd and have yours of the 19th and 20th.

AMORTIZABLE BONDS

I note that Mr. Jauralde has delivered you the plates. Here the Notary is dragging on the signing of the Contract, his father being on the point of death. He has offered to finish it for me this week.

25 PTS NOTES

In the statement which Mr. Jauralde sends to the Bank there does not show the 15 or 20% of the defective notes which you told me were thrown out. I did not know what to reply when they showed me the statement.

50PTS NOTES ON BANKS PAPER

The Sub-Governor wants to know by what route he should send you the paper and how much it would cost per 1,000 kilos from the Spanish Port of shipment to London. You will kindly get this information for me at the earliest possible as also the expenses of insurance or any others which have to be added.

DESIGNS

You will kindly tell me where you are with the designs, that of the 50 Pts for the Banks paper which I have asked you for on the Fritz system ought to be already in my possession.
All the series f notes for which I have asked you on the Fritz system we have once more discussed this morning the Sub-Governor

of the Bank and I. He recommended me to see that they were very different from those which are at present being printed, that the Banks idea was to continue to make notes similar to those at present being printed so long as no forgeries should cause withdrawing them from circulation and that they wish to have a reserve issue in case these forgeries turn up not to be unprovided. Under these circumstances it is necessary that the notes should not be identical with those in circulation and you will have to find something decidedly different.

Mr.Maura has just finished the engraving of the back of a note of 100Pts which he has submitted to the new Governor of the Bank. It would not be well for him to succeed in getting it printed and for this reason I want to have the designs asked for and that they should be of such a nature as to put in the shade the note submitted by Maura and enable him to secure an order for a series. Kindly take note that the brother of Mr.Maura the engraver of the Bank is at present the Prime Minister.

BANK OF MOROCCA

On the 26th Nov: last I wrote you of the preliminary details of this affair and on the 29th of the same month you replied that you had charged your representative with preparatory details which I had pointed out to you and that on the return from his journey you would advise me of the result. I now ask you then to let me know at the earliest possible the details of all that you have obtained in this matter so that we may go well together, the moment having arrived for me to look after it in

a direct manner.

At the last meeting of the Council which took place in Paris it has been arranged to establish fiducary circulation in Moorish Pts and the denominations would begin from 5 and 10pts and would make 6 denominations altogether. In order to put things on the right road my friends have managed to get tenders asked for from England, Germany and France, this point being obtained I have many chances of success. Moreover Mr.Amezqueta has been appointed sub-Governor of the Bank of Morocco and as Director of the Agency of the Bank of Spain in Paris which he is now I shall obtain his help through the Council here.

I am waiting the return of Don Juan de Marales y Serrano to see if the moment has arrived to pecipitate events for all the foregoing has been told me by the sub-Governor and the Directors of the Bank who are interesting themselves in the success of this affair and who would assist me with all the force which the Bank of Spain has at its hand in the new Bank of Morocca.

We remain,

DOMESTIC

DRAFT

to PEANT March 6th. 1907

We have to acknowledge yours of the 22nd and 1st inst. and now have the pleasure to enclose estimates for the Credit Lyonnais cheques.

We will forward you later on the sketch for the Cartagena Brass seals.

DEFECTIVE & WASTE NOTES

Referring to our statements which you say do not show such a percentage of thrown out notes as we said, may I explain that the spoilage shewn on the return shows only definitely cancelled notes but not the reams of printed notes which were put on one side in order to be eventually sorted, some of the sheets containing 1, some 2 and some 3 good notes. These sheets are kept in the strong room and are cut up and sorted towards the end of the order; this is our unvariable custom and you will see therefore at the end of the order the returns for every week will show all these reams and that the last return will show a much larger proportion of spoilage.

DESIGNS

We have already sent you a design for the 50Pts note on the Banks own paper. This design which is a good one could be utilized for a note on the Fritz system. Referring to what you say as to the necessity of the new designs for the reserve issue being quite different in style from those at present in hand, we may say that of course the difference betwee our style and Fritz' system is more real than apparent, i.e., the chief difference is in the chemical composition of the

the chief difference is in the chemical composition of the colours. A style of note which is totaly different in every way and which we can strongly recommend as containing some very sure safeguards against reproduction is one that we are now making for the Viceroy's Bank in China. I enclose you a proof of this note together with a Photograph of same to show effect produced. and if approved will at once make some designs for the Bank of Spain on these lines. We should of course abolish the Dragons and you would help us if you could suggest something to take its place symbolical of Spain. I am pushing on with the other designs and hope to send you shortly that for the 1,000 Pts.

BANK OF MOROCCO

I have several times sent our representative to Paris to get information on this matter. I also write to the Hon:Sydney Peel, who is representing the English interests. A few days ago this gentleman telegraphed from Paris asking us to send specimens and prices. Mr.Hauptmann took these over and had the opportunity of submitting them to most of the delegates. He saw Mr.Amesqueta, and I may say we have sent to this gentleman designs for a private cheque he required. I think our most dangerous competitors are the Bank of France and the Austrian Imperial Printing Office, who both want to do the notes. Mr.Hauptmann stopped at the same Hotel as the Moorish Delegates and got very friendly with them and on the whole I think we have a very good chance of obtaining this order. I will keep you advised as to the progress in

negotiations.

I am pushing on with the utmost possible speed the printing of the 3 values in hand in order to clear a way for further work for the Bank of Spain; in 3 or 4 months time we shall hape ~~an opportunity~~ number of machines liberated by the completion of these orders and shall be able to take up everything necessary

We remain,

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

PEANT March 11th'07

I have yours of the 6th, 7th and 8th inst.

DEFECTIVE NOTES I have been very pleased to explain to Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena what you tell me on this subject and to destroy his opinion that we had given him an incorrect reply.

DESIGNS We do not understand ourselves very well on this point:-

1st. I am perhaps in error but until you instruct me to the contrary I consider that between the style of protection of the notes of 100, 50 and 25Pts which have been ordered of you and that of 500 on the Fritz system there is a great difference. In the Fritz system the engravings are protected by dots by fine lines which form squares in three colours combined which give a great softness to the engraving protecting it completely. In the notes of 100, 50 and 25 the aspect of the protection differs. It is one uniform shade which covers the engraving of the figures although there are also here lines and dots. It is evident that this is a question of taste but also of difference of inks. It is a style of protection which gives softness to the engraving without taking away from it its brilliance, the various combinations of engravings and protective work , the suppression of those great whirls o f colour strong and glaring give a general effect which is called at present at the Bank the Fritz system.

2nd. In asking of you that the designs for the Reserve issue should be very different from those which you have in course of manufacture I was asking you to seek contrasts in the points of the design not the process.

It had been pointed out to me that the style of back with the coat of arms had been very much used to carry it on for another series, it has also been seen used on bozes of Havana Cigars. They would have liked to see something else besides the female figure at the right, at the left or in the centre of the note. This I understand presents difficulties but it is also necessary to take note of the reasoning of the customer who tell you "if the notes which I am putting in circulation are not forged I shall continue to use them indefinitely, if I make a reserve issue so as to be ready to remedy a forgery I wish that the note should be as different as possible from the one which has been forged."
As this reasoning is very reasonable and on its interpretation may depend whether one orders from you further series of notes I consider that it will be more profitable to try to find what the customer has in his mind rather than to argue the question or to stint him of designs. It is a great advantage to do well for a man, it is sometimes more difficult to know what the customer has in his mind, what is to his taste and what he cannot very well explain or define, here then is the difficulty in which I find myself having to explain to you a thing which I feel but which one does not actually say to me or rather what is indicated to me simply saying - you know what is wanted better than us, just tell your people.

On the 30th Jan: last I asked you for a design for the 50Pts note to be printed on the Banks paper similar to the one presented as a design but made in accordance with the Fritz system. You ought to have replied to me then what you say in your letter of the 6th and I would have informed the sub-Governor of the Bank of it because Mr.Fritz and I had told him that this note could be interpreted like that of the 500 which we were submitting to him. Kindly therefore I beg you send me the designs which I asked for, how many have I made you prepare needlessly.

I am on the spot, I see what is to be done, have confidence then in what I tell you and if you do not agree with me on such or such a point please dont wait a month to tell me so because this results in my saying that you are in course of carrying out a thing and then I find that it is otherwise. I have taken from your letter the Chinese note, I have submitted it to the Bank and the Sub-Governor has asked me to keep it after having admired its great protection.

I have talked with Mr.Belda respecting the subjects which might be undertaken in the designs which are in course of preparation and he has given me the idea that one of them might be devoted to each of the principle Cities of Spain, Madrid, Barcelone, Bilbao, Saville, Granada, on the back a view characteristic of the City on the front a portrait of one of its most illustrious sons. But he tells me it would be necessary to inform yourself well on this and it would take some time. I conclude from this reply that in the minds of the Bank

there is no intention to delay the order. For my part I repeat to you that we must fight the note of 100Pts engraved by Maura and that the best way of doing so Xis to bring forward a good design which will spoil its chances.

BANK OF MOROCCO

I have read with the greatest interest what you tell me on this subject and have no doubt that you are in a good way to carry off this business. I have hastened to inform on the point the people at the Bank who were behind me in this matter and who were interesting themselves in getting the issue& ordered of you.

NOTES OF 50PTS ON THE BANKS PAPER Following your suggestions I am going to write to Mr,Baterrechea at Santander to get the information which the sub-Governor at the Bank wishes to have, I shall follow your instructions on the various points which you note.

I have received with your letter the keys of the dry stamp for ElGuindo and have not yet received any advice as to where the consignment is.

Your letter of the 8th is duly noted

Yours etc.

P.S. I have submitted to the Credit Lyonnaise your estimate for cheques and hope to get the order.

TRANSLATION

PEANT 14th March'07

I confirm my letter of the 11th.

NATIONAL FACTORY OF COINS AND STAMPS

This department has given me for you the order for 35 steelplates to transfer on the machine 300 x 325 m/m in size and 4m/m thick and 25 rolls for the transfer machine 71m/m dia. and 28m/m thick. Three mandrils for the rolls as indicated by the tracing in red of the sketch which I send you herewith taking note of the remarks made on it.

You will have the kindness to send me as soon as possible the prices at which you will invoice this order as well as the cost of packing, carriage etc., as far as Madrid with an indication of the weight so that I may add the custom duties.

You will remember that for this business I have to give them a price of Pts delivered at the Bank kindly therefore send me details as exactly as possible so that I need not ask them for less nor more than is necessary. As soon as you have sent me your prices and details I will transmit these to them and a portfolio will be made for the business whilst you are executing the order so that by the time everything is finished you may be paid. In your estimate you will kindly tell me the time you will want to execute the order.

BONDS OF THE 5% AMORTIZABLE DEBT

Today I have succeeded in getting the formal contract passed and tomorrow I will send it to the Director of the Debt.

You will kindly credit my account with £115:1:1: amount

of the deposit of 10% which I have made in your name on this contract and £4:12:5: which at the exchange of 27.67 represents the 127.63 Pts which I have paid.(106.43 Pts = 0.25% on the amount of the contract. 16.20 Pts = 0.50% duty on the sum deposited. The XXXX%XX 5% Agency or commission paid to the Financial delegation) It remains for me to pay the Notarial expenses which I will debit you with when he sends me them with a copy of the contract which I have to send you.

BCO DE CARTAGENA

Herewith I send you approved sketch for the wax seal for the cashier of this Bank which please execute.

I remain,

DOMESTIC

TRANSLATION

PEANT 15th March'07

I confirm mine of the 14th inst.

COUPON SHEET OF THE 4% EXTERIOR DEBT I enclose herewith a sheet of coupons of this loan and ask you to make me a design as quickly as possible. In order to justify these sheets of coupons being ordered of you and so that they may have an explanation of the difference which there will necessarily be between your price and that from Barcelona I ask you to kindly make up a design composed of handsome copperplate proofs of the counterparts and let the coupons be the same as those which the bonds have with the portrait of the King. I think you will have the necessary elements to make these designs but should you not have them and it should not be possible for you to obtain them from Mr.Jauralde I will make the sheet of coupons with the plates of the 5% Amortizable, counterparts, coupons and back and a design would be submitted for the Amortizable explaining that a similar work would be made with the plates of the Exterior. Do not hesitate to go to expense for this design and to submit it the most advantageously possible in view of the fact that there are 370,000 sheets to be printed - Worth the trouble. I recommend you all haste because the portfolio relating to this matter has already been reported upon by the Finance Department and has been passed on to the Direction du Contentieux who I have no doubt will report favourably to the work being carried out. This point then settled I want to have your decision and your price so that the

Direction of the Debt may attach your design and price and request that it should be your house which having made the bonds should make the new coupon sheets. I had already spoken to you on this affair when I was last in London pointing out to you that it was desired to make a smaller quantity taking out the converted numbers, but now it is desired to make the full number and to amortise the sheets of coupons the bonds of which will be converted.

P.S. I received at this moment the shares of the "Cota Rosita and I would ask you to send me the invoice.

TRANSLATION

PEANT 15th March '07

I confirm my letter of today and herewith send you copy of the formal contract for the Bonds of the Amortizable 5% Debt as given me by the Notary. I also enclose note of the Notarial fees amounting to 223½Pts which at exchange of 27.67 gives £8:1:6: which please credit to my accouht.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

from PEANT 16th March '07

I confirm my two letters of yesterday.

CREDIT LYONNAIS

This Bank wants 100,000 cheques small size but as these are pocket cheques they want to have them bound nearly all in books of 10, under these conditions the price of cheques becomes much higher. They ask me to tell you that they are considering if there would not be some means of making some saving on the binding of these cheques taking into account taking into account that there will be on the cover the instructions for use. Kindly say then if you can make them some little unimportant deducting the price of the printing for example and please justify your price in a special letter so that they may see that I have applied to you on the subject

I remain,

TRANSLATION OF CUTTING

"LA EPOCA"

March 1906

REPORT OF THE BANK OF SPAIN FOR '06

THE NOTES OF THE BANK OF SPAIN AND THE BANK OF MOROCCO

In the report submitted by the Governor of the Bank of Spain, Senor Sanchez Guerra, at the General Meeting of Share Holders it is stated that the Board of Directors considered as one of its chief duties to consolidate and increase the confidence which the Bank notes inspired in the Country and appreciating the undoubted advantage of the system already begun without renouncing the means of production which it provides, they will go on continue utilizing the work of other more up-to-date industrial houses, until such time as they have at their disposal a considerable reserve, comprising the necessary series, in order to be ready for all eventualities. The sacrifices which this imposes they accept cheerfully as the public interest requires it as well as the credit of the Bank and persisting in that idea our factory is preparing new series of notes and we shall be able to dispose also very soon of others of 500, 50 and 25 Pts. which are being made in England and which like the 100Pts now in circulation are being provided with all desirable guarantees against fraudulent imitation.

The share of the Bank of Spain in the State Bank of Morocco amounts to 1,540,000 represented by 3080 shares of

500 Frcs each and in addition they have accepted a share of 153846 in a loan guaranteed by the State lands of Morocco which was arranged with the Moroccan Government by the Bank of Paris for a sum of 2,000,000, an operation which will be carried through on the 25th Nov: of this year.

TRANSLATION

PEANT 20th March 1907

I confirm my letter of the 16th and have yours of the same date.

Mr.Fritz ha s arrived alright and tomorrow morning we will submit the designs which he has to the Bank.

Herewith is a letter and cheque from the Elguindo Mining Co: in payment of your invoice of the 6th March. Kindly credit my account with £19:12:6: amount of the 10% on this order.

I remain

TRANSLATION

from PEANT March 21st'07

The notes of 500 will have to be printed in accordance with the designs approved.

The series of notes for a reserve issue, designs for which have been submitted to the Bank of Spain, will consist of 5 values 25, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000

On the front of the note preference will be given in the composition of the note to the plate printing employing fine engravings and white line combinations. These engravings must be completely protected in the style of the present approved for the 500Pts. The back will consist of one plate printing and one triplex protective printing. The triplex printing will dominate on the back, it will be in colours not to glaring and in the style of the designs for 100Pts which Mr.Fritz has submitted in which the soft tones predominate.

Both on the front and on the back in the triplex printings and in the plate printings there will be employed in the printings of the notes for the Bank of Spain only chemical inks.

DRAFT

to PEANT March 21st '07

Confirming our last respects of the 14th inst we have to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 14th, two of the 15th and one of the 16th inst.

NATIONAL FACTORY OF COINS AND STAMPS

We take note of your order for this Institution and have ordered the necessary material. During the time of manufacture we will send you the prices you require and time of delivery.

AMORTIZABLE 5% BONDS

We are much obliged for contract safely received. We have put in hand at once the preparation of the plates for the execution of this order. We note the amount of deposit and this together with the other items mentioned has been placed to your credit.

BANK OF CARTAGENA

We have received the approved sketch for the wax seal and have put this in hand.

COUPON SHEETS OF 4% EXTERIOR DEBT

As you request we now send you by this post a paste up proof - back and front - for the new coupon sheets. These have been made up from old proofs and therefore will not have the correct numbers to the coupons or the dates etc., it is only as a specimen of the proposed work. We send also the relative estimate for this. It is difficult on a given size sheet with so many coupons to give anything very elaborate

but I hope this design will enable you to obtain for us this order.

CREDIT LYONNAIS

We will look very carefully into the matter of the price for these small cheques and will advise you by an early post.

MR:FRITZ

We hope this gentleman has safely arrived at some satisfactory conclusion in reference to the designs.

With no more for the present

I remain,

Yours faithfully

P.S. 500 Pts Note We enclose as promised to Mr.Fritz 2 rough prints backand front in order to show the progress of the work. It is nearly finished and a complete proof will be sent in the next few days.

DRAFT

PEANT March 23rd 1907

We confirm ours of the 21st and now acknowledge yours of the 20th enclosing cheque for £193:5:6: sent you by the El Guindo Co: for which we enclose a formal acknowledgement. We credit your account with £19:4:6: i.e., 10% on £192:5: amount of our order.

We note Mr.Fritz has arrived and hope you will succeed in satisfying the Bank on the subject of the designs.

Mr.Jauralde has paid us today £1,962:8:6: amount of our invoice of the 6th March and we have credited your account with £452:9:2: commission on same. Please co rect our letter of the 8th inst. of £459:1:2: on the preceeding invoice.

With nothing more for the moment

We remain,

P.S. Kindly hand Mr.Fritz the letter enclosed.

DRAFT

PEANT

March 27th '07

Mr.Fritz has arrived safely back in London and in accordance with the memorandum which you gave him and the conversations with him we will now prepare a set of designs of 5 values and are ver glad to know things are going along more smoothly at the Bank. We are making fresh proofs of the 500Pts value in the colours as on designs as we understan from Mr.Fritz that the Bank will not accept the colours we suggest as being more secure but insist on the original colours which is a pity; we suppose if the Bank insist we must give way and in any case the note is of a high value and it is not likely any attempt will be made to forge it.

CREDIT LYONNAISE CHEQUES

We have looked very carefully into these figures and find that we have quoted low for the 100,000 cheques of the smaller size. Our price did not include any printings on the covers inside or out, this however is a concession we will be willing to make without any extra charge. As to the binding the price cannot be reduced we are afraid. Could you do it at less cost yourself if we were to send the cheques unbound to Madrid.

SPANISH MINT:

We enclose estimate for the transfer steels rolls and Mandrils required by this Institution. We have reckoned this in Pesetas as you wished and have included all charges to Madrid except customs duties which you arrange for

We remain,

DRAFT

PEANT

March 16th 1907

We have to acknowledge yours of the 11th for which we are much obliged.

We note what you say as to the difference as you see it between the Fritz design and the design of note used in printing the present 3 values viz., 100, 50 and 25 . Mr. Fritz in agreement with our own experts has found it necessary to slightly modify the colours used on his system of notes in order to obtain the necessary security which may have the effect of lessening the even monotone on the 1st design of the 500Pts and in appearance making it more near to those notes we are now supplying. The chief difference, as we have explained, is a chemical one and therefore not apparent and on account of your having insisted that for a reserve issue an entirely different style of note should be designed and in order to have an alternative in case Mr.Fritz style is not considered sufficiently different we are sending you a 1,000 Pts and 100Pts note design on entirely new lines which we are all agreed will make an exceptionally safe note. Mr.Fritz will bring these to Madrid, leaving here on Monday so that we expect he will be with you on Wednesday in order that he may learn personally your ideas exactly and if you will then telegraph we will prepare a further design for the 50 on the Banks own paper in either style you like. We hope that you will give Mr.Fritz sufficient photographs and particulars in order that we may prepare some designs quite to the taste of the Bank,

it is not, perhaps, necessary to say more now as any further arrangements can be made verbally between you and Mr. Fritz.

BANK OF MOROCCO

We have received definite instructions from the President of the Bank of Morocco to send designs of notes in time for the meeting of the Bank in Paris on the 6th April. We will keep you informed as to the progress in negotiations

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

PEANT Bordeaux 5th April '07

I am obliged for yours of the 3rd which encloses cgeque for £1,000 receipt for which I returne to you signed. I will verify your statement of my account when I return to Madrid. You will kindly send me as soon as possible to Madrid the balance of my account and for the future please arrange as your business necessitates large disbursements to send me the balance of my account as soon as it reaches the sum of £1,000.

I remit you herewith a communication from the Direction of the Debt informing me that the contract passed before the Notary for the 5% Amortizable bonds has received the approval of the Minister of Finance.

I shall be in Madrid during next week and reckon on finding the proof of the 500Pts note in conformity with the design approved. You will also please tell me when I shall have the series of designs asked for.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

DIRECTION GENERAL OF THE DEBT April 9th 1907

His Excellency the Minister of Finance has communicate to me under date of the 21st March the following royal order:-

Sir:-

Having seen the first copy of the contract and deposit for the first supply of bonds of the 5% Amortizable in extension of the issue of the 15th April 1906 which contract has been drawn up on the 9th inst. before the Notary Don Camilo Avila by your Excellency as representing the State and by Don R.Peant representative of the Company of B.W & Co. of London seeing that all is in due form His Majesty the King in accordance with the information given him by the Direction General of the contencioso and in conformity with the proposal of your Excellency has been good enough to approve the said contract. I communicate this to you by his desire.

TRANSLATION

FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE DEBT April 4th. '07

His excellency the Minister of Finance has been good enough to communicate to me under date of yesterday the following royal order.

Sir:-

In order to carry out with the necessary expedition the manufacture of the Bonds of the 5% Amortizable Debt which have to be put into citculation in fulfillment of the royal decree of the 15th April 1906 and in order that the State may have the necessary intervention in the manufacture of the special paper and in the printing of the said bonds His Makesty the King in conformity with the proposal of your Excellency has been good enough to designate Don C, Jauralde of the Agency of the Bank of Spain in London to exercise the inspection and surveillence in the said operations of the manufacture of the paper and the printing of the said bonds of the 5% Amortizable Debt, he receiving whilst he discharges these duties the usual allowance of £12/- per day which will be paid to him out of the credit out of the 125,000 Pts remitted to the disposal of your Direction General by royal order of the 19th April 1906 to provide for the expenses which the said issue involves as arranged by Article 15 of the royal decree of that date. Your Excellency is also authorised to do whatever is necessary for the most rapid execution of the said order charging all expenses to the credit above mentioned. By order of the King I inform you of all this.

TRANSLATION

from PEANT   Bordeaux   6th April '07

I confirm my letter of the 5th and remit you herewith a communication from the Direction of the Debt naming Mr. Jauralde Controller at your place for the purpose of supervising the manufacture of the Bonds of the 5% Amortizable Debt

I remain,

TRANSLATION

from PEANT 30th March '07

I have yours of the 21st, 23rd and 25th as well as the documents which accompany them. As soon as I return to Madrid I will submit your design for coupon sheets to the Debt Department. Mr.Fritz in giving you an account of his visit to the Bank will have taken care to inform you that the notes of 500 Pts will have to be printed with the colours as the designs approved, I cannot then submit the proofs which your last letter brings me. I have duly noted what you tell me concerning the Mint, Amortizable bonds, Bank of Cartagena and Credit Lyonnais.

You will kindly on receipt of the present send me a cheque the balance of my account to my address at Bordeaux, 35 Rue du Taillan, and if you have no objection will you kindly add to it the amount which will be due to me on your delivery of the 22nd inst which reached the Bank on the 27th which was found in order and which you will very soon receive. I shall stay in Bordeaux all next week and as in Madrid I am at your entire disposal if I can be of any use to you

I remain,

TRANSLATION

from PEANT 19th April 1907

I returned to Mad id on the 11th and now reply to your letters of the 10th and 15th. I have received your last cheque for £1876:11:1: for which I thank you. I return your receipt signed although the sum which you have remitted to me does not constitute the balance of my account up to the 15th inst as you have forgotten to credit me with the disbursements made re the Amortizable bonds amounting to £127:15 viz

Deposit	£115- 1-1		
Government fees	4-12-5		
Notary	8- 1-6	=	£127:15:

which please to credit to my account.

I have not submitted the designs to the Bank Don Angel Gonzelez de la Pena being at Seville and these gentlemen wishing that it shall be him who informs the Council.

I have submitted the designs for the coupon sheets to the Debt and have good hopes to get this business.

By tomorrow's post I shall send you the order for 200,000 cheques, small size, for the Credit Lyonnaise.

At the Mint they want to know when you can send off their order.

The United States ~~Council~~ Consul in Madrid has recently addressed a letter to the Bank telling them that having in view the business which is done in his country for Spain he had been surpr sed to notice that the Bank had left off ordering its Banknotes as it had formerly done. He also asked that he should be told the reasons which had determined the Bank to address themselves to an English House. Seeing that the Bank gave him

no reply he addressed a second letter to them couched in a different style which in the main was in the same strain. The Bank not having any desire to carry this affair before the issue commission nor before the Board got out of the difficulty by having a letter written by the Governor in which they gave the Consul to understand that the House of B.W.& Co had formerly rendered services to the Bank and that the condition of its work suiting them the Council had entrusted them with their orders.

The Secretary of the Bank has asked permission to inform me of this and he having done so I relate the incident to you.

I have sent to Cartagena the invoices and documents relating to your consignments to the Bank in Cartagena and to Forquera & Sons.

Would you kindly send me a box of pens like the sample herewith. Thanks very much in anticipation

I remain,

DRAFT

PEANT 23rd April 1907

We have to acknowledge receipt of your favours of the 19th and 21st inst. for which we are obliged.

We agree your balance of account in accordance with your former letter and have credited you now with a further £127:15:

Referring to the order for the Mint, most of these goods we have to obtain as usual from America and we are writing again to hurry up the manufacturers and will send them as soon as possible.

We note what you say as to the action of the United States Consul and hope it will have no serious effect.

We will prepare at once a further design for the credit Lyonnais cheqùe making the modifications as in your last letter.

The Box of pens we shall have much pleasure in sending you in the course of a post or two and with no more for to day, with compliments

I remain

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

PEANT   A pril 29th'07

I have yours of the 26th with designs for the 5 series of the notes of the Bank, The sketch for the Credit Lyonnais cheque and the translation of your letter to Mr. Jauralde.

DESIGNS FOR THE NOTES

The designs which you sent me have produced a good impression on me I am told at the Bank that the Sub-Governor will return this week, rest assured I will do all that is necessary for you to obtain a good price for the new orders.

CREDIT LYONNAIS

I return to you the design for the cheque approved with the exception of the micro lettering ground which they want in smaller letters and in the style of your specimen cheque a piece of which I attach (Cox's) In view of the small size of the cheque and the writing which will be put on it being small the ground must be closer and more compact like the type which I send you though it may be wavy like your design. When all this is engraved you will kindly send proofs in various colours so that they may select what they approve. You will also have to submit some specimens of common and good class bindings, for the common ones choose some good looking imitation leather papers, for the high class ones bindings in Russia leather flexible with an arrangement for taking books of 10 cheques bound for this purpose so that one may give out for

example 10 books of cheques and one single cover to protect them while they are being used. You can add to this idea those which practice and your good taste may suggest to you. This order is urgent.

DIRECTION OF THE DEBT

I will see the Director tomorrow and hear what he decides on the contents of your letter to Mr. Jauralde.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

from PEANT 4th May 1907

I have yours of the 1st with cheque for £1,022:2:6: which I credit to your account. The receipt which you ask me to sign is not in your letter send it me by next post and I will comply with this formality.

4% 1892 EXTERIOR - COUPON SHEETS

Kindly note that I have submitted today an estimate

for £35 for preparing plates and necessary engravings (Instead of £25)

and £ 6 for the printing of the 370,000 including paper and binding (instead of £5:17:6: price per 1,000)

Seeing that the consulting department had reported favourably I saw the possibility of putting up the price a bit and getting you this addition. The Director of the Debt has found the price alright.

I remain,

O: C: I:

TRAVELLING EXPENSES

1905		Charged to OCI	charged to BW&CO
May to July	Mr.Woodhull's journey to Rome		£132: 1: 10:
July to Oct:	Baron de Focks "		152: 0: 0:
"	Mr.Woodhull's journey to Paris		20:10: 11:
"	Mr.Davis' " Rome	£20:0:0:	
"	Mr.Eckerts Baggage fees "	3:1:0:	
1906 November	Mr.Pearsons travelling expenses and salary pro tem	42:17:1:	
		£65:18:1:	£304:12: 9:

1st May '07

OFFICINA CALCOGRAFICA ITALIANA

DR to BRADBURY WILKINSON & CO:LTD:

	£ s d
Cash Capital contributed	2,800: 0: 0:
Work done	599: 9: 6:
Plant Contributed	323: 2: 6:
Materials etc "	854:13: 4:
Travelling expenses	65:18: 1:
	£4,643: 3: 5:

TRANSLATION

from PEA T 13th May '07

You will find enclosed the receipt sent me with your letter of the 8th.

The first sub-Governor of the Bank having returned I have handed him the proofs of the note of 500Pts and the series of designs.

I do not count on getting the proof of the 500Pts note before the beginning of next week, the first meeting of the Council not taking place before Friday or Saturday next.

The impression produced by the designs has not been bad and as from one moment to another it is possible that confidential negotiations will commence you will kindly tell me if we are well agreed on the prices which you wish to obtain for the notes made as the series whic you have just sent me printed with the chemical inks of the Fritz system

notes of	25Pts	50Pts	100Pts	500Pts	1000Pts
your price	£1:16:2	£2:1:4:	£2:5:2:	£2:17:6	£3:17: 0:
Increase 10%	3: 7:	4:1:	4:6:	5:9:	7:8:
	£1:19:9:	£2:5:5:	£2:9:8:	£3: 3:3:	£4: 4:8:

On these prices there remain to deduct my commission.

You will kindly say by return of post if you find these alright it being quite understood that the values of 25, 50 and 100 are calculated for a minimum printing of 4,000,000 and those of 500 and 1,000 for a 1,000,000

CREDIT LYONNAIS

The specimen of binding which you have sent me is

alright for the ordinary books but they want models pocket book form, or they would adopt the books of 10 cheques, or any other ideas which you might get out up to date or more elegant, send me with these models their prices.

Kindly rectify the price of the 1,000 Pts note which is higher than the 500Pts by £1:1:5: which on a quantity equal that of the 500 ca not be justified by the size seeing the elation existing between the other values

I remain

DRAFT

TO PEANT MAY 21st '07

We are obliged for your letter of the 13 th which has crossed ours of the 13th and 14th.

NEW SERIES OF NOTES

As regards the price of the 5 values the following are the prices which we believe we fixed for the 25, 50, 100 & 500 Pts and the new price which we will accept for the 100Pts

	25	50	100	500	1000P s
Our price	£1:16:0:	£2:3:6:	£2:5:2:	£2:17:6:	£3:8:8:
Increase of 10%	3:7:	4:10:	4:6:	5:9	6:10
	1:19:7:	2:8:4:	2:9:8:	3: 3:3:	3:15:6:

CREDIT LYONNAIS

We will prepare what we can for the binding of these cheques and will send it to you as soon as we can.

Mr. Jauralde having paid us today the amount of our invoice of the 1st May we credit you with £464:3:4: upon it

Hoping that your efforts will be crowned with the success they merit

We remain,

Should be 2. 3. 6
10% 4. 4
2. 7. 10 See subsequent letters

TRANSLATION.

From Peant.

~~24th~~ 21st May, 1907.

I confirm my letter of the 18th inst.

500 Pesetas Note.

You will find enclosed the note which the Council at the Bank approved yesterday, and you will notice that they have chosen the tone which you had pointed out to me as combining more guarantees against forgery. The Bank once again leaves all responsibility to you, following without discussion your advice.

El Guindo.

You will kindly send me by an early post estimate for 40,000 Shares similar to the 5000 which you have just done for this Company, with the following variations :-

"y a 20,000,000 en tal fecha ante el Notario D........."

"Capital 20,000,000 Ps. representado por 40,000 acciones de 500 Ps. cada una".

"Les dates".

The first coupon will be No. 20, the last No. 69, and on the back the same ~~inscriptions~~- indications, shewing the number of Shares, the New Capital, and the name of the Notary.

The Company will give you the order right away, but will not be able to give you the date and the name of the Notary till November.

You could then advance the work as much as possible so that as soon as they give you the date, you will ~~on~~ have only to print the black on the front, the back, the numbering, dry stamping and binding.

They also want to know the minimum time which it would take you to finish the work after you are given the date and the name of the Notary.

PEANT 27th May 1907.,

Translation.

I confirm my letter of the 21st and telegram of today saying:- "Telegraph to the Agent Duran at Vigo that "the cases for the Mint tobe addressed "direct to me. Send me original invoice"
Peant.

This morning I was sent for to the Mint and asked when the plates, rolls and mandrills which had been ordered of you were going to arrive. You can conceive my surprise as you had advised me that by the same steamer which took the Notes you were sending the order for the Mint. I thought that they would have had them already in possession seeing that the Notes arrived on Wednesday last week. I informed the Director of the Mint of this who was very annoyed and said to me, "kindly telegraph to your London house that the consignment should be addressed to you and not to the Mint" I have drawn up a dosier which has been signed by the Minister in which it is laid down that it is you who would be supplying to me the plates rolls and mandrills. If I had not down this I should have had to have drawn up a statement as to why the order should be given to a foreign house, the goods not being obtainable in the Country and this statement would have had to appear in the official journals and if nobody raised any objection during the 60 days following, that it was possible to deliver these articles made in the Country then and not till then could I request the authorisation to order abroad.

I cannot then either receive at the railway station these goods nor receive any other documents which are not from your House, nor in the contrary case, you would maintain that I had failed in my duty and you would compromise me. In view of this I have telegraphed to you and have written to Mr. Duran at Vigo so as to save if possible annoyance to the Mint. As you sent me the invoice of your despatch in duplicate I ask you to send me the original seeing that you have not sent this to the Mint and they don't want to have it. On the other hand I cannot understand where these goods are as they should have arrived at the same time as the Notes.,

I have received your favour of the 21st inst., in which you have a mistake in the price of the 50 Pesetas Notes of the new series. You say

our price £2:3:6 plus increase of 10% 4/10 - £2:8:4

you should have said our price

£2:3:6 plus increase of 10% 4/4 - £2:7:10

I remain.

DRAFT

PEANT May 31st '07

We confirm ours of the 29th and have yours of the 27th.

SPANISH MINT

We much regret to learn of the trouble this business has caused you and not having any news by telegram either from yourself or from Mr.Duran since what we related to you in our last letter we venture to hope that matters are now arranging themselves to your satisfaction.

CREDIT LYONNAISE

We remit you herewith two sample pocket cases in leather and hope that either one or other will be the kind of thing that the Bank wants. Annexed you will find the prices.

BANK OF SPAIN

We are obliged for your correction re the price of the 50Pts note of the new series, we agree i.e.,

our original price	£2: 3: 6:
increase 10%	4: 4:
	2: 7:10:

With nothing else for the moment.

We remain,

TRANSLATION

from PEANT 7th June 1907

I have yours of the 4th which is not in order as regards the shares of El Guindo. Your estimate of the 6th March last gave the price without reckoning dry stamping £13:17: 6:

Your estimate of the 29th May including the dry stamping and for 40,000 was		12: 2: 6:
Difference of	... ...	1:15: 0:

I asked you for the reduction of 5/- and you were to increase the printing by 10,000 shares so as to have £2 disposable. Your estimate of the 29th May including the

dry stamping for 40,000 shares was	...	£12: 2: 6:
I asked you to hold disposable	...	£2:
this makes a total of	... ...	£12: 2: 6:
You have now increased your price by		6:
Leaving the price in your estimate of the 4th at	... ...	14: 3: 0:

for a printing of 50,000 shares. You add 6d to the price for printing an order larger by 10,000 Bonds. I have therefore handed over your estimate to the customer but I wish you to take note of the error in case it would be necessary to go back on the subject.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

PEANT 11 June 1907

I confirm mine of the 7th and have yours of the 8th inst.

CREDIT LYONNAIS

The cheque which I return to you is the one which has been approved for colour but a fresh proof is required with the following alterations. 4m/m will be added to the depth of the cheque which will then make it 60m/m deep, this space of 4m/m will be added at the bottom underneath the ground and a line will be printed in type in red. ink.

Caja de Cuentas Especiales de 10 a 3 - Entresuelo
(Carrera de San Jeronimo)

With this new proof you will have the kindness to send me a supplementary estimate of the cost of this printing. You will take note that 100,000 cheques will be bound in books of 10 and the other 100,000 in books of 25. The printing which has to go on the cover of the books will be

Credit Lyonnais
Agencia de Madrid
Cuentas Especiales
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plus two lines which were in the former bindings and which are a recommendation not to allow the cheque books to go astray.

The leather covers for the cheque books have not satisfied the Credit Lyonnais I have had other models made

here and it is very probable that this work will be done in Madrid. I send you herewith a book so that you can see the binding which suits for the leather bindings which I have submitted. The colour will have to be lighter so that the binding is more visible. You will kindly send me your model of binding with its printing on it with the new proof of the cheque so that I can get it all approved. See that the proofs which you will send for approval are well printed because the directors of the Bank examine your work with a magnifying glass.

EL GUINDO

The Directors of this Company have decided to order of you 40,000 shares at the price of your estimate for 50,000. They think that between this and the month of November when they will give you the modifications to make in the black they will be able to increase the order by 10,000 but the order which they give you today is for 40,000. They call my attention to the fact that the Bonds must be bound very lightly and economically if you like but they have to be bound, it will be necessary then to leave space for the binding at the side of the counterpart. As I had pointed out to you the first coupon which the share will carry will be No.20 and the last 69. But should you require space equal to a row of coupons as ma rgin for binding you can make the last Coupon No.64.

The printing will have to be done in another colour and they request you to submit proofs of different colours for selection

I remain,

DRAFT

to PEANT 14th June '07

We have your favour of the 11th which has crossed ours of yesterday.

CREDIT LYONNAIS

We duly note the line to be added at the bottom of the cheque in "baton" type - does this mean the same type as that which is used for the words at the top of the cheque "La pecha debe consignarse en letras" With the fresh proof we will send you sample of binding with the printing on it as you wish also the supplementary for the lines to be printed in red on the cheque.

EL QUINTO

We note the order which this Company gives us for 40,000 shares which will very probably be extended later on to 50,000 We canxxx bind the bonds without omitting the row of coupons and we propose making them up in books of 250 which will involve of course a price of 6/6 per 1,000 consequently our total price for 40,000 of course would be

without binding	£14:3:
binding included	14:9:6:
Rebate to deduct	2
leaves	12:9:6:
10Comm: to you	1: 5:0
leaves nett price	11:4:6:

as soon as the alterations of the coupon numbers are made we will send you proofs of the plate in various colours for selection.

We remain,

TRANSLATION

FROM PEANT June 15th 1907

I confirm my letter of the 11th and have yours of the 12th which encloses a cheque for £1377:12:1: which I have placed to your credit. I return the receipt signed.

EL GUINDO

Your estimate makes another mistake in reckoning my commission on the £2 which it does not receive and which naturally I did not recke n in my calculations in my letter of the 7th inst. As my last letter conveyed to you this order there is no need to go back to the subje ct.

BANCO DE ESPAGNE

I have rece ived your in voice of the 12th.

SPANISH MINT

I have debited your account with 5/11 amount of the carriage from Vigo to Madrid.

I remain,

DRAFT

PEANT 12 June '07

We ha v e duly re ceived your letter of the 7th inst.

EL GUINDO

We regret the little misunderstanding that has arisen on this question. These are the calculations which we had made:-

	12: 2: 6:	13: 17: 6:	14: 3: 0:
Comm 10%	1: 4: 3:	1: 7: 9:	1: 8: 4:
	10:18: 3:	12: 9: 9:	12: 14: 8:
rebate		2: 0: 0:	2: 0: 0:
		10: 9: 9:	10: 14: 8:

You will admit that the difference between £10:18:3: and 10:14: is fairly large but it would be impossible for us to accept £10:9:9:

BANK OF SPAIN

Herewith we send you copies of detailed invoice of this weeks despatch. Mr.Jauralde having paid us the amount of our invoice of the 29th May we have credited you on it with £449:5:5: and as this brings the balance of your account up to £1,377:12:1: we send you cheque herewith which please acknowledhe on the form attached.

We remain,

COPY OF PRIVATE LETTER TO MR:WILKINSON

Madrid

July 25th'07

P.W.Wilkinson Esq.,

Dear Mr.Wilkinson:-

For some time past I have not seen your signature on the correspondence - are you away from London. I ask you this question because I shall need to see you soon, in the 2nd fortnight in July and I will be glad to know if you will be in London, if not, where could we see each other. And Mr. Green when is he coming to Europe? Hoping to hear from you by an early post

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

R:PEANT

(Translation)

BANK OF SPAIN

Madrid, July 16, 1907.

Raoul Peant, Esq.,

Dear Sir,-

The Governing Council of this Bank, taking note of the estimate (proposal) which you have submitted in the name of the house of BRADBURY, WILKINSON & CO., for the preparation of five new series of notes, - have agreed:

1st. To authorize this Administration to settle the prices of said five series, endeavoring to obtain the greatest possible economy; and supposing that the number of notes will be 4,000,000 of each one of the series of 25, 50 and 100; and 1,000,000 of those of 500 and 1000.

2nd. That in case we agree upon the prices, there would be considered approved the ten designs of faces and backs which I return to you, it being understood that in the centre of the polychrome tints (backgrounds) on the backs, there will be engraved the selected views of Spanish monuments, designs of which the said house will prepare in advance.

3rd. That there should also be considered the prices which will govern in the increase of the four series which the house of Bradbury is now preparing, in case it should be

decided to order supplementary productions of said series, granting that at the beginning it will be preferable to maintain the ordinary service of the circulation with the first series emitted, and to constitute with those following, a reserve not intended for circulation except in case of necessity.

I call your special attention to the first point, and now that I have communicated to you verbally the reasons which justify the desire of the Bank in regard to obtaining a reduction of the estimate submitted, I hope that , being persuaded by these, the house which you represent will be pleased to communicate to me a satisfactory reply as soon as possible.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Sgd)

Sub-Governor.

(Translation)

Madrid, June 19, 1907.

MEMORANDUM to the

Sub-Governor of the BANK OF SPAIN

The house of BRADBURY, WILKINSON & CO., LTD., of London, in sending me the prices which I have the honor of submitting for the approval of the Bank, makes the following explanations:

The prices of the series of 25 and 50 Pesetas, which the London house is executing, are based on that which was agreed upon for the serie of 100 Pesetas, in which after rebating 6 Shillings per 1000 on the price which the house fixed, there had to be added one typographical printing for the protection of the back of the note, another for the printing of the signatures and a double set of numbering in thus agreeing to the disposition of the designs and to the space which the numbers must occupy.

The increase which is made in these series of 25, 50 and 100, amounts, approximately, to 10% for the printing in chemical inks; and to 5% for the triplex printing on the back.

On that of 500 Pesetas there was fixed the price suitable for the printing in chemical inks, and it was slightly increased for the triplex printing on the back.

/ On that of 1000 there has been preserved the initial reduction accepted on that of 100, their price protecting the due proportion in the established scale, taking into account the

importance of their engraving and the greater work which their production would require.

In this serie of designs, the house of Bradbury has brought out, on the face as well as on the back, all the difficulties possible to prevent counterfeiting.

Messrs. Bradbury do not doubt that the Council of the Bank, in asking for a note that may contain such guarantees and the execution of so much work, will consider only just the increase which their courteous treatment carries with it.

Messrs. Bradbury are very grateful for the confidence which the Bank has given them, and wish to express their appreciation by giving their very best attention to the work that has been entrusted to them, endeavoring to save them from disappointment of any kind.

(Signed) Raoul Peant.

(Translation)

Madrid, June 19, 1907.

To the

BANK OF SPAIN

ESTIMATE (proposal) for the collection of designs recently submitted by the house of BRADBURY WILKINSON & CO., LTD., of London, comprising chalcographic and triplex printing on face and back, printing of signatures, numbering five times, and on paper similar to that of the former, as follows:

NOTES OF	25	PESETAS	at	£ 2: 10: 9.	per 1000
"	50	"	"	2: 16: 8.	"
"	100	"	"	3: 0: 4.	"
"	500	"	"	3: 18: 3.	"
"	1000	"	"	4: 10: 6.	"

Said prices include all the engravings and reproductions of plates.

All the impressions will be made with special chemical inks, and by the new anti-photographic process.

The above prices have been based upon a minimum of 4,000,000 for the first three series of 25, 50 and 100 Pesetas; and of 1,000,000 for those of 500 and 1000.

The deliveries of notes will be made twice - half each

time.

The conditions of delivery, shipment and payment will be the same as stipulated for previous contracts.

The execution of the orders will be made with the greatest care.

(Signed) Raoul Peant.

TRANSLATION

LA MALOW LES BAINS
FRANCE

from PEANT September 7th '07

After having wished you welcome and after having expressed my wishes that you may be completely restored to health I have to inform you that the condition of Madam Peant having become aggrivated it has been impossible for me to get her to undertake the journey to London or for me to leave her here alone or in Company whilst I pay you a visit. In view of the conflict which has presented itself I have written to the first Súb-Governor of the Bank of Spain and after having informed him of the condition of my wife and that the Doctors had advised me to make her follow immediately the treatment at La Malou I asked him if he could wait a few days before having the solution of the affair of the reserve issue and if he would allow me to come to La Malou before going to London. I told him that I would write you on your arrival and that I would send him the solution which he desired as well as the decisions with the views which he had chosen reduced. He replied to me by telegram to start for La Malou and asking me to give him the solutions which he requires by correspondence. On the other hand it has been allowed to me that I do not go to London until the end of September or the first of October to arrange pending affairs. In view of all this you will kindly communicate to me here what are the decisions

which you bring me from New York and you will also send me the designs of the backs with the reductions of the views and if all the decisions which you bring should be in accordance with the wishes of these gentlemen which I communicated to you at the time of our last interview it would be very probable that I would be able to get you the definitive order for this reserve issue. During your absence I have been informed that it will be necessary to manage to give them a discount on the invoice of 5% - on the high price naturally.

You will also kindly tell me if the printing trials in Chemical ink of the notes of 25, 50 & 100 which you are at this moment delivering have completely succeeded, if you undertake to deliver them exactly alike to such a degree that one cannot distinguish the one which is in Chemical from the one which is not, without increasing the price as has been arranged.

Awaiting the pleasure of hearing from you. Please accept the kind remembrances of Madam Peant and a cordial shake of the hands from

Yours truly(Sgd) R: PEANT

P:S: I reopen this letter on receipt of the one which Mr. Tolmie writes me on the 3rd in your name I am very glad to read in it that you are again in perfect health.

DRAFT

to R: PEANT
LA MALOW LES BAINS
FRANCE

9th Sept:

Mr.Wilkinson has charged me to write you in reply to your letter of the 7th inst. He has instructed me to thank you heartily for your kind wishes and to express his keen regrets for the indisposition of Madam Peant which he hopes will not last long.

As regards Mr.Wilkinson himself I am sorry to inform you that he met with an accident yesterday - a sprain of the knee - and this will compel him to remain at Bourne End for a fortnight, H

Herewith we send you the designs for the backs of the reserve issue and we hope to have no difficulty in arranging everything in accordance with your suggestions.

Mr.Wilkinson finds to his regret that the draft of the letter which we were going to write you has gone astray and under these circumstances asks you to send him a duplicate of it and we will remit you the letter duly signed.

As regards the question of Chemical ink, we will write you more fully a little later on but we think that that will come out alright.

Hoping that these designs will give satisfaction to the Bank

(Sgd) D:G:TOLMIE

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.
SEP 26 1907
NEW YORK.

DOMESTIC
SEP 25 1907

TRANSLATION

LA MALOU LES BAINS
FRANCE

Sep:12th'07

from PEANT to BW&Co:

I have received your letters of the 9th and 10th inst as well as the designs of the backs of the 5 values of the Bank

It is with regret that I have seen the accident from which Mr.Wilkinson is suffering and I hope for his prompt recovery. I cannot send the Bank the designs with ut indicating to them the discount which can be made on the invoice and without confirming to them that in the future we will deliver them the notes of its first issue ordered at the same price as has been arranged (and if possible in chemical inks)

I should also require to have in my possession the letter of which I send you a draft herewith.

Make certain then if you can undertake to deliver the future orders for the notes which you have just delivered in chemical inks without varying their tones. Send me the letter of which I remit you a copy herewith and during all this time perhaps Mr.Wilkinson's health will permit of his fixing me up on the question of the discount.

I remain. etc.

LETTER DRAFTED BY PEANT

from BW&CO to PEANT

In satisfaction of your request and authorising you to avail yourself of it whether you may consider it necessary to do so we communicate to you that the Company BW&Co:Ltd: of London by the present letter takes towards you the most formal engagement to maintain you as its exclusive representative in Spain during 10 years renewable at your pleasure for a further period of 10 years.

In all the affairs of the Bank of Spain BW&Co Ltd of London undertake to reserve to you the same commission which you have at present and all the differences arranged whether the business has been negotiated by you directly between our house and the Bank of Spain or indirectly by other persons.

In this last circumstance no contract can be concluded without having previously given you knowledge of it and without having discussed with you its suitability and conditions so that these latter may permit of your always being able to fulfill the engagements which in view of the present letter you should have taken.

We remain etc.

BANK NOTE CO.
SEP 26 1907
NEW YORK

DOMESTIC

DRAFT

to Peant 14th Sept:'07

The letter herewith was dictated to me last night by Mr.Wilkinson at Bourne End. Your letter of the 12th inst arrived this morning and I am sending it to Mr.Wilkinson this evening

I remain etc.

(Sgd) D:G:TOLMIE

DRAFT

TO PEANT 14th September '07

I am sure that you will have understood after what Mr.Tolmie wrote you why I have not written you personally before. It is certainly unfortunate this accident to my leg which prevents me absolutely leaving my chair, nevertheless I am keeping myself ~~in touch~~ well informed of everything concerning the Bank of Spain and I have not the least doubt that all that will arrange itself in a satisfactory manner.

You will no doubt have already received the designs for the backs of the reserve issue and I hope that they will be found in accordance with the desires of the Bank. There are some important points which I wish to discuss with you when you come to London.

We are looking carefully into the question of the prices but I am under the impression that those which you mentioned to me will satisfy us.

Another point is that of time, there is one thing evident that it will be necessary that we finish the printing of the reserve issue before taking up that of the new order of the notes at present in circulation but no doubt this can be arranged otherwise we should have to buy and install in that new plant. This would take time of course and would not be prudent unless we had a contract some years signed.

As regards Chemical inks, I think that this also will come out alright. Our experiments in the case of 500Pts which we are at present printing and of which 12,000 have alreay

been delivered prove this. The colour is not quite so black as the ordinary ink owing to the chemical which it contains and you can certainly tell the difference if you put the two blacks side by side but this is inevitable and is of no importance if all the notes of a serie are alike.

It was with great regret that I learnt from your letter of the indisposition of Madam Peant and I sincerely hope that she is already convalescent

Hoping that you are keeping very well and waiting the pleasu e of seeing you etc.

(Sgd) P:W:WILKINSON

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.
SEP 26 1907
NEW YORK.

DOMESTIC

DRAFT

from PEANT 15th Sept'07

I heartily trust that on receipt of the present lette you are quite well of your contusion to the knee

A fact which I consider very serious and which I communicate to you so that you may do the needful in order that it may not recur is indicated to me in my mail from Madrid of the 11th inst in the following form.

"Today there has arrived and I have duly delivered the despatch of notes of the 4th inst., by S/SAVON in this consignment and contrary to custom case No.218 brought ~~the grea~~ its contents in very bad condition on account of the greater part of the parcels being broken to such an extent that in taking them out there were some of them which were scattered about in the case and they have had to be taken out in handfulls and sorted into numerical order and counted one by one. Although this fact shows that the packets have been put into the case in very bad condition and that who ever is entrusted with the packing should not have made up the case in this condition it shows that your packing papers are not strong enough. You will agree with me that it will be advisable when you have further orders to see that you get a packing paper which is not too thick but which is extra strong so that in case a packet falls out of ones hands or whatever may happen it can never burst open.

I attach to this letter one which I received yesterday

evening from my Deputy in which he gives me an account of a visit which has just been made to him by the son of the Managing Director of the house of Waterlow. When they come to this it must be that they have arrived at the point of despairing in their negotiations and that they have come to understand that they had hothing to do without reckoning with me.

Todays mail tells me of a fresh step taken by Mr. Earnest Bass in which after having made offers which I do not transmit to you out of modesty, he asks for my address so as to come and see me. I have telegraphed to Madrid to my Deputy that he has faithfully interpreted my thoughts and that he should make this gentleman understand that these repeated efforts will never cause me to commit an act of disloyalty to the house which I represent.

Madam Peant joins me in sending you our most friendly salutations.

(Sgd) R:PEANT

TRANSLATION

from MONSIEUR GANDUL, Madrid to R:PEANT, La Malou

Sep:13th'07

My dear Mr.Peant:-

For the 2nd time since you went away I found myself unable yesterday to write you. I had amongst other things at the last moment a visit from the son of the Managing Director of Messrs Waterlow & Sons of London and when he left there was no time left to write, in fine let us not anticipate things but take them in proper order.

Having received today (still 3 days) your mail of the 10th. I hardly know whether or no I desire to have your letter always hoping as I am for favourable news of your good lady and during the two months since you two left I have not had the satisfaction of knowing that she finds herself free from her pain. Is it much the suffering of the poor lady? Believe me never do I forget her and each letter I receive from you causes me a fresh disappointment but I am always hoping for news of her improvement.

Between yesterday and today though as yet I have not the orders I have taken at the Bank the following.

20,000	Envelopes	Madrid to Branches
200,000	"	Branches to Correspondents
20,000	day book memos	
500	reams pink paper ground Banco Espana	

Senor Carcar of the Debt office, has now returned, ~~the~~ they have legalised the power of attorney for me at the Ministry of State. tomorrow I shall take it to the said gentleman

together with a solicitation asking for the return of the deposit which matter will soon be finished up.

Yesterday I received instructions from the Mint to go there to draw up the agreement of purchase sale of the 35 plates, 25 rolls and 3 mandrils and to deposit in the Treasury there the sum of 300Pts as guarantee See what remains to be done in this matter before collecting the amount of the invoice. We have settled on Monday for signing the contract and making the deposit. All this has the more surprised me as I thought there was nothing to do but to collect the invoice, but two months after presenting it here we are drawing up the contract and depositing the guarantee. Moreover when I say Diaz shortl after you left he said nothing to me of this but only that he would advise me when I could go and collect.

Last night just on post time there presented himself here as I say at the beginning the son of the Managing Director of Messrs Waterlow of London whose card I send you herewith.

He said that knowing very well the firm of R.Peant its responsibility its honourableness its extensive relations and its activity in all its affairs and notwithstanding that he knew we were agents of BW&CO he came right away to offer us the representation of his firm, on the basis of giving us considerably larger commission than what we could have from BW&Co ample powers so that in its name we could treat for all kinds of business and absolute liberty to spend without the necessity of rendering accounts the sums which we

might consider necessary, in a word its representation for Spain and Portugal with carte blanche for everything including the rate of commission etc.,

I, professing myself much obliged for his civilities gave him for them my hearty thanks manifesting to him my regret at not being able to accept his offers seeing that the trust which we were discharging with the firm of Bradbury with whom we were well satisfied completely prevented it.

He insisted much on his offers bringing in aid of them the responsibility of his firm and the larger benefits which he right away offered me be they what they might those which we obtained from Bradbury's I declined once again his offers repenting once more my thanks.

In view of this he offered me a transaction that without leaving the firm of BW&Co we should share out the work giving for example to this firm one issue of notes, and another to the other, and as it was natural I made him see in the clearest manner the absurdity of this pretention.

At last though regretting it very much, he ended by confessing that our refusals finally convinced him and that he could do no less than applaud the delicacy and loyalty which these refusals embodied, and that if any day, for any circumstance, we thought we ought not to continue to represent them, that we might always count on that of his own firm.

I cannot write you more as it is very late not that on the other hand I have any more to tell you.

Kind regards etc.

(Sgd) Manuel Gandule.

DOMESTIC

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.
SEP 26 1907
NEW YORK.

TRANSLATION

FROM PEANT, La Malou 16th September '07

I confirm my letter of yesterday and now reply to your favour of the 14th inst.

To reassure you on the question of the dates of delivery of the reserve issue and of the orders for notes in circulation which will come thereafter. I promise you to arrange all that in such a manner that you can respond to the requirements of the Bank without enlarging your premises and increasing your plant; to execute the quantity of work that you have delivered this year, perhaps a little less, that may suffice. Then dont worry yourself about that consider carefully the combination of your work for next year interposing in it two printings of 4,000,000 of the notes in circulation which will be required of you towards the month of July or August next and we will talk further on all these and at the Bank I will tell them in what conditions you can arrange the deliveries so that that suits both you and the Bank. The question of the deliveries is not yet urgent and we will talk about all these in London shortly.

The house of Waterlow is at present burning its last cartridges at Madrid. I hear from the Bank that they have presented there a collection of specimens of Banknotes as remarkable as extensive. It seems that all the American Republics figure in them, Chili, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia, Brazil etc. then Canada, Australia & others.

At my place he has again called to invite to lunch Mr. Gandule who by way of reply has shewn him my telegram.

He offers anything you like as regards work, as regards price, but he will not find anything to do.

Mrs.Peant thanks you for your kind wishes and joins me in wishing you the promptest of recoveries

Believe me dear Mr.Wilkinson

Yours very sincerely

(Sgd) R.Peant

BANK NOTE CO.
SEP 28 1907
YORK

(DRAFTED BY PEANT)

to PEANT September 19th'07

In satisfaction of your request and authorising you to avail yourself of it where you may consider it necessary to do so we communicate to you that the Company BW&CO of London by the present letter undertakes towards you the most formal engagement to maintain you as its exclusive representative in Spain during 10 years renewable at your pleasure for a further 10 years.

In all the affairs of the Bank of Spain BW&Co undertak to reserve to you the same commission which you have at present and all the "differences" arranged, whether the business has been negotiated by you direct between our house and the Bank of Spain or indirectly by other persons.

In these last circumstances no contract can be concluded without having previously given you knowledge of it and without having discussed with you its suitability and conditions so that these latter may permit of your always being able to fulfil the engagements which in view of the present letter you should have undertaken.

It is an essential part of this agreement that it is to remain in force so long as the Bank are willing to do business with us through you and also that you on your side are during its continuance to remain our exclusive representative and undertake not to represent or do business in Spain for any other firm or Company doing our class of work

This paragraph suggested by Mr.Wilkinson and confirmed by Mr. ~~[illegible]~~ Paine

BRADBURY WILKINSON & CO:LTD:

(DRAFTED BY PEANT)

to PEANT September 19th'07

In satisfaction of your request and authorising you to avail yourself of it where you may consider it necessary to do so we communicate to you that the Company BW&Co of London by the present letter undertakes towards you the most formal engagement to maintain you as its exclusive representative in Spain during 10 years renewable at your pleasure for a further 10 years.

In all the affairs of the Bank of Spain BW&C.undertake to reserve to you the same commission which you have at present and all the "differences" arranged, whether the business has been negotiated by you direct between our house and the Bank of Spain or indirectly by other persons.

In these last circumstances no contract can be concluded without having previously given you knowledge of it and without having discussed with you its suitability and conditions so that these latter may permit of you always being able to fulfil the engagements which in view of the present letter you should have undertaken.

It is an essential part of this agreement ~~that it is to remain in force so long as the Bank are willing to do business with us through you and also~~ that you on your side are during its continuance to remain our exclusive representative and undertake not to represent or do business in Spain for any other Firm or Company doing our class of work.

BRADBURY WILKINSON & CO:LTD:

DRAFT

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. SEP 28 1907 NEW YORK

to PEANT Sept:20th'07.

I have now the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 12th, 15th and 16th.inst.

Very many thanks for your kind wishes. I may say that my leg is still in splints and of course until this is removed I am unable to walk or bend my leg. I am trusting however owing to its rapid improvement to be back in town on Monday the 30th.

Very many thanks also for the information contained in your letter and especially the news concerning the advances made to you by Mr.E.Bass on behalf of W & S. I may say that I am not surprised at this desperate attempt on their part to secure your co-operation on their behalf. The fact is that we have just secured a bond order from one of their customers who applied to us being very dis-satisfied with Waterlows work and prices.

They are very mad over this and I think Mr.Bass Senr. would sell his soul and ruin the business in order to do us an injury. I think you will agree with me that it was not fair business on their part and a proceeding that we have never thought of taking or ever likely to; however they have found out their mistake this time anyway and I cordially thank you for the way in which you replied to their offer.

With reference to the draft letter that you wish us to write you, upon receipt of this I submitted it to our Solicitors as is necessary with all documents which form a contract. They have constructed an additional paragraph

which they recommend should be added for the future safeguard of the Company in years to come against any possible eventualities not at all improbable of course, but as this letter ~~xxxxx~~ will bind BW&Co for 20 years it is important that this paragraph should be added and as it does not alter the sense of your draft in any way I have no doubt you will be perfectly willing to its addition. Upon receipt of your approval by telegram I will sign the letter as requested.

As to prices, as I have already said, I would prefer to wait till I return to London before fixing these unless it is urgent. but I may say at once that I think the prices you brought with you on your last visit to London can be accepted by us for the reserve issue and that we shall be able to make a 5% reduction on a reprint of the present issue.

Referring to the prices of the reserve issue - do I understand that the Bank still wish for a further discount off the prices which you gave me as precios por r Banco viz:-

25Pts	£2:10: 9: per 1,000
50 "	£2:18: 8: "
100 "	£3: 0: 4: "
500 "	£3:18: 3: "
1000 "	£4:10: 6: "

because if this is so and supposing it comes off the prices we charge it cuts the figures rather fine and I hope that the ½% will be sufficient. I have not before me the letter in which you referred to this and so I am not sure.

Once more, in reference to the 60,000 Pts odd which

according to your calculation is all that will be left over towards your commission we shall certainly reduce our profit in order to make it up to your,10%

I was very glad to learn from your last letter that the times of delivery would be distributed in a way convenient to us as this will make a lot of difference to us.

I have communicated with the office the extract from your letter referring to the packing of the notes. I cannot understand it as we have used a good strong paper for the packing of the notes the same as that used not only for the Spanish notes but for all others without having had any complaints of it, moreover the cases are made to measure and the packets of notes put in so exactly that even if a severe jerk should burst the wrappers of a packet I do not see how the contents could be scattered from the wrapper. This, Mr.Jauralde Manager of the Bank of Spain in London, will confirm as he is present at every packing of the notes and sees for himself how carefully it is done.

Is it possible that the case can have been opened? Did it appear as if the parcels had been tampered with? Any paper which might be employed could be burst by dropping on the floor but this does not appear to have happened in the present instance. Any further information which you can give us on this point will be welcome so that we may avoid such an accident in future.

CHEMICAL INKS   I hope that they will not insist upon these for the reprint of the present notes because it would be impossible to make the two blacks exactly alike. It would not be of any importance I suppose that the two issues, the present one and the reserve issue, were not alike.

I am very anxious to know how Mrs.Peant is progressing and trust that she is now convalescent. I wish she were coming to London with you, when do you expect to come? I am hoping that this fine weather will last long enough to enable us to come for a short time at least up the river.

By the way what is the meaning of this notice in the papers in reference to the stealing of some of the Spanish bonds I hope this is not a serious matter.

I will now saw goodbye for the present dear Mr.Peant and looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you

I remain etc.

P.W.W.

P.S. I return with my thanks Mr.Gandul's letter addressed to you.

TRANSLATION

from PEANT
Hotel de l'Etablissement,
Le Malou les Bains (Herault) Sept:23rd'07

I have your esteemed letter of the 19th inst., You will see in the letter which I return to you, that I have ruled out the portion which can never be accepted either by myself or by the persons who have required of me this letter from you.

This portion, whatever your solicitors may say of it, destroys the essential of the conditions which precede it as I will show you when I am in London as well as to these gentlemen if that were necessary.

As regards the discount of ½% which you think of according to the Bank on its reserve issue, I find it so insufficient that I should consider as a disrespect to propose it to the Bank and I think that I shall make you understand that it will be necessary to do more than that, but if it is not so my commission will always be there to come to whenever that may be necessary.

The prices to the Bank are certainly those which are mentioned in your letter. I have written to Madrid to ask for fuller explanations concerning the packing of the 100Pts notes and I will communicate to you the result of the enquiry.

Mrs.Peant begins to feel better and we think of leaving La Malou towards the end of this week. She will accompany me to London and will be very happy to accept your

invitation and to pass a few days at your house in the Country, at the riverside. We think we can be in London towards the 4th or 5th of next month.

On and from the 28th inst., we shall be in Paris at No.25 Boulevard des Capucines.

We hope that you will now be quite recovered from your accident and we send you, Mrs.Peant and myself our kindest wishes

(Sgd) R:PEANT

DRAFT

to R: PEANT,
25 Boulevard des Capucines,
PARIS:

27th Sept: '07

My dear Mr. Peant.

I have duly received your favour of the 23rd for which many thanks, as also our revised draft of proposed letter to yourself. I take note of the lines cancelled by you and I will do all that is necessary to have the wording modified as you desire. You will understand, I am sure, that it is not quite a personal matter with me, as the agreement I sign will bind the Company for the duration of the contract, perhaps after I have left it. That is why I have as usual in such matters consulted our Lawyer, Mr. Paine, who I may say is also a Director of BW&Co. The paragraph was not intended to be contradictory to the meaning of previous paragraphs but was inserted to protect the Company's rights in the improbable event of your ceasing in years to come to be Persona Grata at the Bank as you are now, that is to say, to make it possible to obtain orders (through any source obtainable) even if it were impossible through force of circumstances to obtain them through your Agency. However, I quite understand that the arguments on your side are strong, knowing just how matters stand, so that I am sure the letter in question can be made satisfactory to both parties.

As to the question of ½% off prices for Reserve issue, it is perhaps owing to a misunderstanding on my part. On the sheet of paper on which you wrote prices you added a

small table worked out at ½ and 1% on said prices, which I thought was a discount (to choose from) either the ½ or the one to offer Bank. However I am sure this question can be arranged when we have all the figures before us. It is certain that the new notes will be costly as the trouble and difficulty of printing triplex colour grounds in register is double that of printing duplex as before and also the Chemical Inks are very much more troublesome. They will be the first notes printed in this manner and those now in course of manufacture are giving us much more technical trouble than we at first anticipated. For one thing the chemical in the black ink spoils very quickly the printing plates, but of course we shall in time get over this difficulty.

Now, as to your visit to London. I am delighted that you will be accompanied by Madam Peant and that she is so much better, and that you will visit me at Bourne End. My knee is gradually improving but the Doctor refuses permission for me to put my foot to the ground for yet another week or 10 days. My present plan is to go to London on Monday and stay at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel (My own flat being unobtainable owing to a friend to whom I have lent it during Summer being ill there) I should then be close to office even if I could not go there. I should then return to Bourne End for a day or two on the Thursday or Friday. If therefore you arrive in London on Friday I would either meet you and we could go down together to Bourne End direct or I

would get one of the gentlemen at the office to doso. Or perhaps you would prefer to stay in London that night and go down to the River on the Saturday. In the latter case I would wait for you at the Holborn. Kindly let me know exactly what would best suit your convenience and meanwhile looking forward very much to meeting xxx again yourself and Madam and with kindest remembrances to you both

Cordially yours

(Sgd) P:W:W:

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

from PEANT from PARIS Sept:29th'07

My dear Mr.Wilkinson:-

We arrived in Paris yesterday morning and have found your letter of the 27th inst. As regards our affairs we will talk about that in London and as on the one side and the other there are only loyal views in the interests of the affairs of the house I have no doubt that we shall find a means to come to an understanding.

We shall start for London Thursday morning and shall find you at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel in the afternoon. We shall stay in London for the Friday having some purchases to make and on Saturday we shall be at your disposal, to come to Bourne End at whatever time it suits you. Please remember that we require of you the greatest frankness and that if for any reason it should not be possible for you to come to London or being there if it should not be convenient for you to go to Bourne End I will always find a means of seeing you and to be with you in one place or another.

Hoping to see you soon then Mr.Wilkinson. Take good care of yourself and receive the expression of our affection and friendship

I remain, (Sgd) R.PEANT

Note. I have the letter of the 28th from your house which is alright.

London October 8th. '07

Monsieur Raoul Peant,

MADRID:

Cher Monsieur:-

Donnant satisfaction a votre demande et vous autorisant a le faire valoir la ou vous jugerez necessaire de le faire nous venons vous communiquer que la Societe Bradbury, Wilkinson &Co:Ltd: de Londres vient par la presente lettre prendxe envers vous l'engagement le plus formel de vous maintenir comme son representant exclusif en Espagne durant dix annees, renouvelables encore, a votre gre, pour une autre periode de dix ans.

Dans toutes les affaires de la Banque d'Espagne la Societe Bradbury Wilkinson &Co:Ltd: de Londres s'engage a vous reserver la meme commission que vous avez actuellement et toutes les differences convenues, soit que les affaires aient ete traitees par vous directement entre notre maison et la Banque d'Espagne ou indirectement par d'autres personnes.

Dans ces derniers cas aucun contrat ne pourra etre conclu sans vous en avoir prealablement donne connaissance

et sans en avoir discute avec vous la convenance et le conditions de maniere que celles-ci vous permettent toujours de pouvoir remplir les engagements qu'en vue de la presente lettre vous aurez du prendre.

C'est une condition essentielle de la presente convention que vous, de votre part, vous vous engagez pendant la duree de cette convention de rester notre seul representant et de ne representer ni d'entreprendre des affaires en Espagne pour aucune autre maison ou Societe qui fait de travaux de la meme espece que la notre.

Agreez, Cher Monsieur, nos amicales salutations.

MEMORANDUM

Of a private agreement between

MR:P:W:WILKINSON
&
MR:R:PEANT:

Oct: 11th'07

BANK OF SPAIN:

RESERVE ISSUE OF NOTES:
& Reprint of present Issue:

PRICES:

The prices of the new Notes of the Reserve Issue will be as follows:-

25 Pts.	£2:10: 9:	
50 "	£2:16: 8:	A discount of 5% will be allowed off each invoice.
100 "	£3: 0: 4:	
500 "	£3:18: 3:	
1,000 "	£4:10: 6:	

An extra amount of £1,232 will be allowed at completion of order for the Reserve Notes if B.W.& Co: succeed in working economically - that is to say, making their estimated profit. A proportion of same will be paid in accordance with the result.

The Price of the present issue, on occasion of reprinting, will be the same as before subject to a discount of 5% off each invoice.

DELIVERIES:

Reserve Issue & Reprinting of Present Issue. The minimum quantity of notes to be delivered shall be - say, 2,000,000 every 2 months of 3 values - or, say- 14,000,000 notes in the year. One months notice to be given in the event of every change of value required by the Bank.

PAYMENTS:

In case there may be ordered by the Bank, besides the 14,000,000 Notes of the Reserve Issue, say 8,000,000 more of the present issue of notes, making a total of say 22,000,000 notes, these shall be so printed and delivered that not more than 14,000,000 shall be paid for during 1907. The balance if more are delivered than the said 14,000,000 to be paid for in January 1908.

PACKING:

A Band will be placed under one packet of notes in each Layer in every case to facilitate unpacking.

PRINTING:

Black Chemical Ink shall be used for the Reserve Issue. Upon receipt of order for more notes of present Issue B.W.& Co: to suggest Chemical Ink or any other additional safeguard against forgery, which may seem to them desirable. altering as little as possible the present aspect of the note

TRANSLATION   Oct:24th '07

from PEANT

You will find enclosed the contract signed yesterday at the Debt office for the printing of the coupon sheets. This contract has one department further to go through for its verification and for its being carried out as an escritura publica before a Notary. The deposit of 10% has to be made etc., but as it is advisable to gain time I will send you tomorrow the sketch so that you can commence the engraving right away.

I enclose also my tender submitted yesterday to the Bank with which everybody is satisfied, you will see that I have arranged to give 4% instead of 5% which we had arranged. In exchnage for this it will be necessary that you have your deliveries accompanied as far as Vigo but this will only be done for the despatches of notes like those now in circulation.

I do not make ~~xxxxxxx~~ any mention as to the repetition of the orders for series which you have already delivered and I think I may assure you that I shall be able to manage that you get your old priceswithout giving any discount. My tender will be approved between tomorrow and next Tuesday.

You will kindly commence to see about the engraving of the note of 1000Pts of which they are going to ask you for delivery for the end of next February.

The designs of the back which I have submitted have given much satisfaction however they will make certain

small indications upon them and for the back of the 100 it will perhaps be necessary to submit again a modified sketch.

Next month will bring you an order for notes of 100Pts like those you have just delivered and in the month of Dec: or January an order for the 25. For these notes the question of payment will not be touched upon. You will deliver when you can and what you deliver will be paid for without the least complication as regards time.

I think you will be satisfied with my arrangements which will very sensibly increase your profits.

Kindly take note that I debit your account with my travelling expenses for the last 2 journeys which I made to London and which amount to £35:

I remain,

<u>TRANSLATION</u>

Letter from the Bank of Spain to PEANT Nov:12th'07

The Council of Government have taken due note of your letter of the 6th inst. informing them that BW&CO of London whom you represent will give a discount on the invoice of 4% on the prices fixed in your tender of the 19th June last for the manufacture of 5 series of notes of 25, 50, 100, 500 and 1000Pts which notes will be numbered 5 times, on paper of similar quality to the notes already manufactured, with special chemical inks and on the new anti-photographic process it being understood that there will be manufactured 4,000,000 notes of each of the series of 25, 50 and 100Pts and 1,000,000 each of 500 and 1000. Your letter also enumerates the conditions on which the said house of BW&Co will make reprints of the series already supplied and in course of manufacture in conformity with what is stated by you in your letter of the 16th July last. The Board have decided to accept the conditions fixed by your firm both for the manifacture of the 5 series of the reserve issue and for the reprints of those already manufactured when these are required but there remaining standing the arrangements made previously for other issues, including the first of those approved on the 30th June 1906 as follows:-

That the definitive delivery be made in Madrid by the representative of the house, the cases being and wired and sealed

I have to inform you also that the desire of the Bank respecting the manufacture of the 5 reserve series is that you should begin with the 1000Pts, the total quantity of which it should be possible, or in the contrary case, the greater part, should be delivered in Madrid in the month of March next.

Respecting the order of the manufacture of the 4 remaining series the necessary instructions will be given in good time

BANK OF SPAIN

D.E.W.Co
NOV 27 1907

TRANSLATION

To the GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF SPAIN, Madrid
from Peant Nov:6th'07

I have the honour to bring to your knowledge the result of the steps I have taken with my principals BW&Co of London

RESERVE ISSUE

BW&Co confirm the prices contained in my proposal of the 19th July last which are for the notes of

25 Pts	£2:10: 9:	per 1,000
50 "	2:16: 8:	
100 "	3: 0: 4:	
500 "	3:18: 3:	
1000 "	4:10: 6:	

On these prices there will be a discount on invoice of 4% (say four per cent)

In order that the payments may be extended (deferred) until the year 1909 my principals will arrange the work making at the same time three different series and printing 1,000,000 per month between the three, delivering every 2 or 3 months what they have made.

The Bank will designate the series which it desires should be put in manufacture and will give one months previous notice when it wishes to replace a series which is in course of manufacture by another serie.

The first delivery of notes will be made in March or April next.

EXTENSION OF PRINTING OF THE NOTES IN CIRCULATION

The quantities to be made of these notes will have to be the same as those first ordered, that is, 4,000,000 for the series of 25, 50 and 100 and 1,000,000 for those of 500 and 1,000

For the successive printings the House BW&Co will maintain the prices which are fixed. The deliveries will be made twice (literally, in two times) each series and at the dates indicated by the Bank.

The payments will be made as heretofore.

For the delivery of the notes of which series are in circulation the house BW&Co judges it indispensable in order to give the necessary security to its transport that these should be guarded from London until they are locked up in the bullion room of the ship, the expenses of this guard the London house takes to its own charge. The Bank will receive the cases on the arrival of the ship at Vigo and will guard them in the way it considers most convenient as far as Madrid, the expenses being for its account.

All conditions which are not modified by the present proposal will remain agreed as stipulated in (a) beginning

Waiting your esteemed instructions.

etc. R.Peant

COMMENTS ON 25 PESETA NOTE

BANK OF SPAIN:

Extract from letter from Peant November 13th '07

On the design there is an easel and a chair between the 4th and 5th arcades, these must be taken out. The aspect of this view cut up thus in straight lines gives the look of a phototype which has been stuck on; a little movement in the border would correct this. Also the words Banco de Espana would look better for being a little larger.

(COPY)

to PEANT

MADRID November 29th'07

We confirm our former letters of the 26th and 27th and now acknowledge receipt of your approved proof of the El Guindo shares We have inserted the date and will proceed immediatelywith the printing. As we do not find any reference in your letters to the numbering which these shares will bear we telegraphed you today

Kindly let us know by return of post numbering ElGuindo share

SNR VAQUEER

We suggest that Snr.Vaqueer will spend two months vacation in London from January 1st '08 and during that time will attend daily at the Company's offices during the usual hours, we paying the expenses of his journey from Madrid to London and back, providing him with suitable Board and lodging and paying him £35 as an honorurium for his services. At the end of the 2 months if a permanent agreement is mutually desired the Company will engage him at a salary of £400 per annum the engagement to be terminable at 6 months notice on either side.

Will you submit these conditions to Mr.Vaqueer and tell us you and his opinion about them.

We will write you Monday concerning the deliveries of the 25 and 100Pts and meanwhile

We remain,

TRANSLATION

from PEANT, Madrid. December 5th'07

I have your favour of the 29th and confirm my letter of the 30th ult:

I return approved the sketch of the view of the Cathedral of Seville which is to be placed on the back of the 100Pts note. It bears no remark but it is alright.

I send you a note of 100Pts No.864,330 as well as a letter from the Bank which asks me to send it you so that you may give an explanation as regards its defectiveness. The technical people at the Bank suppose that it is a note which you have delivered having omitted to put on it the blue printing, as this is not at all likely seeing that you print all the colours at the same time I should say that this note has been submitted to some chemical washing with a view of taking away the triplex printing. The number indicates by its change of colour that some washing has been done to alter its colour. You will be kind enough to give full satisfaction to the Banks request informing them of the cause of the alteration and if possible of the products employed to obtain this result.

I am to have an interview with Mr.Vaqueer tomorrow and I shall have the pleasure of informing you of the result of it.

I remain,

R.Peant

TRANSLATION

from PEANT, MADRID 7th December '07

I confirm my letter of the 5th and telegram of the 6th which replied to your telegram of the same date which I have in my possession as well as your telegram and letter of the 4th inst.

I regret to inform you that yesterday there was presented at the Bank a forged note of the 100Pts made by you and this morning another one has turned up. During the short moments whilst I was able to observe this forgery I noticed the conditions of the execution which I am now going to tell you.

It is certain that the back has been engraved on copper, copying line forline with the greatest patience; the black printing is printed copper plate which gives, in spite of the imperfections which you must suppose in the imitation made by hand, an aspect of strength and clearness sufficiently good. The duplex printing is very defective and comes out very dark in the centre. The appearance of this side is in the black much stronger and harder in the half tones, the duplex printing darker and imperfect and the numbering smaller thicker and very badly done.

The back must have been engraved by etching. There are some imperfections in the design which seeks more to produce a smaller effect than to copy line by line. The colour tone of it is in general paler and the strong tones, those which are completely black dont exist. There are details in the white line which have come out fairly well and others

very badly. The numbering is the same and as defective as on the front.

The paper is of a darker colour, more obscure and one can see in the pulp the darker grain (cuadrille) of the metallic cloth.

I consider the forgery a bad one. There is nothing in it exactly alike, the Bank can quite easily point out to the public as many differences as it likes but anyhow amongst people without discernment or mixed up with others it might pass. I dont know yet what impression this forgery is going to produce upon the council at the Bank and in the Country but I can tell you that it has produced very great annoyance amongst the high officials of the Bank.

As a first provision the sub-Governor has told me to hasten as much as possible the 100Pts note of the reserve issue in case there should be any need to have recourse to it. There is certainly a great disturbance until a prpper estimation can be made of the importance of the forgery.

I have sustained before these gentlemen the following argument:- "the best proof that Bradbury's process is good is that it has been necessary to engrave by hand with a ll the differences and imperfections which this process entails to attempt a forgery of it". At this moment the issue commission is holding a meeting and I haye not been able to await the result of its decision wishing not to miss this post so as to inform ou of what has happened and not wishing to talk about this incident by telegram. I will keep you informed of the events as they happen.

In any case dont be ~~xn x xxxxx xx dx anxkxkxx~~ percipitate, obtain the greatest possible perfection in the work for this matter is a very grave crisis in the business. As soon as this is known all the houses which we have managed to put on one side will return with their offers and we must strengthen our situation making a super-natural effort to present notes made with the greatest perfection which will permit us to resist the assualt of our competitors.

I remain,

R.Peant

Note. Herewith 2 communications from the Director of the Debt dated the 2nd inst.

DRAFT

to PEANT December 9th '07

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 5th inst., returning approved the design for the back of the 100Pts reserve (Seville Cathedral) for which many thanks. I will study carefully the 100Pts note which you send from which some of the colour has been washed out and will send you a report in the course of a post or two. Personally, I dont think it a serious matter but of course it wants some explanation.

I shall be interested to hear the result of your interview with Mr.Vaqueer and hope it will be satisfactory.

Thank you very much for your postcard. I am rather surprised that the Government allow a picture of the 100Pts note on a card with the signatures on - I see the colours are put on by hand.

I trust that Madam Peant has entirely recovered from her Neuralgia and will be able to start the winter with really good health. With kind remembrances to both you and Madam Peant

I remain etc.

P.W.W.

P.S. I enclose a postcard from Messrs Schomburg of Madrid in reference to number perforators. Perhaps you will be kind enough to see what it is they want.

DRAFT

PEANT December 11th'07

I have to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 7th inst., and need hardly say that I am extremely worried at the news contained therein. I have always been afraid that the time would come when some attempt at forgery would be made, it would be wonderful were it otherwise but I am relieved to see from what you say and from the newspaper cuttings you enclose that it is only a bad imitation. I telegraphed to you yesterday to ask if you would send me one of the forged 100Pts notes in order that we may study the exact method employed by the forger. If as you say the work is engraved by hand and not a photographic reproduction it is most extraordinary as I dont know of any engraver except those employed in Bank-note houses who could do the work. As we always impress upon our customers there is no note in existence or possible to make which it is not possible to imitate more or less and with expert engravers what one can do another can copy, and our ambition is just to make as many difficulties as possible for those who attempt to imitate it. On this particular note there are three securities especially, the vignettes which only a good engraver could execute, the elaborate white line on the back which I shall be very interested to see on the forgery to see how near it approaches in appearance, and then the registered colour work at front. This is so difficult to do correctly that I dont imagaine a forger would even attempt it. He would simply do as on the reproduction you sent me on the postcard, he would put a water colour washing on to

indicate the colour which does away entitely with the two colour register as on the genuine notes. This should be made a strong point with the Bank and is almost the first thing I should look at to detect whether the note were genuine or not. I will give a fuller report when I have seen the note and I sincerely trust meanwhile that there will not be any great trouble at the Bank in reference to this matter and that it will not strengthen the hands of any of our competitors who certainly, if successful, would have the same tricks played with any note they could make. I am just completing some final experiments with Chmeical Black and find that it is not possible to exactly match the ordinary black in which the present notes are printed. If the slight difference which is exemplified in the two prints I enclose of a specimen note is not considered objectionable I should advise that this extra precaution were adopted in the case of a reprint of the present notes. Needless to say I am sparing no trouble to make the reserve notes the best possible and will hurry forward the 100Pts reserve as much as possible although I hope that it will not be necessary to be put into circulation. One thing is obvious, that more a note is known by the people the more easily the forgery is noticeable.

Referring now to the note you sent in which the blue is removed, this colour has obviously been taken out with a very strong alkali probably caustic potash, with a powerful bleach it is possible to remove almost any colour but it is difficult to see the object as it xx practically spoils the

note. The idea, unless it was done purposely to discredit the note, was probably to remove the ground from the vignettes but in so doing it has sufficiently impoverished the work so that a photographic reproduction would not be a success. Our experience is that there are some people who for curiosity try experiments on banknotes as we have had occasional notes returned to us which have evidently been soaked in chemicals with what object it is difficult to understand. The plate printing, if it is in chemical black, makes such chemical experiments more difficult and dangerous because the bleaches or chemicals used change the black into brown or blue according to the chemical used and therefore draws attention at once to its having been tampered with. I think it very improbable that the Bank will be troubled with many notes like the one you sent me for after all the man who does it stands the chance of it being rejected as it certainly should be with only one colour on. You are quite correct in the assumption that it is an absolute impossibility for it to have left our works with only one colour on for as you say both colours are put on at once.

I am exceedingly sorry that you should have this worry and am looking forward to hearing reassuring news from you. I am much obliged for the two communications from the Direction of the Debt and if it is not bothering you I should be much obliged if you would send me a couple of those picture postcards as I should like to send one to Mr.Green. I enclose copy of a letter received from the Bank of Spain in Paris and my reply thereto.

With compliments I remain

TRANSLATION

from PEANT December 9th'07

I confirm to you my letter of the 7th inst and by last nights post I sent you several press cuttings respecting the forgery of the note of 100Pts. I think that you will be pleased to find in the present letter a specimen of this forgery which I have acquired for the total value which it represents.

This specimen has been useful to me for showing at the principle banking houses in this City and to create an opinion favourable to your note.

The issue commission has decided not to attach any importance to this affair and its opinion has been strengthened after reading the judgement of the press.

The Bank has not exhibited to the public the forged note nor has it published any of the differences. The Council met today and will have probably come to a decision on this subject. As I told you in my last letter, one must needs know the extent of the forgery and see how many forged notes are in circulation so as to form a judgement. I consider nevertheless that there is more calmness at the Bank - we shall see what will happen.

I remain,

R. Peant

TRANSLATION OF CUTTINGS FROM
EL LIBERAL

Madrid 8th December 1907

FORGED NOTES:

The Governor of the Bank of Spain Snr.Sanchez Guerra gave notice yesterday that in the said establishment there had been presented a forged note of 100Pts which imitates the issue of that value made in England.

Also in a Lottery office, as was known later on, there had been presented another forged note of the same kind.

It appears that the difference between the forged note and the genuine one is so apparent to view on account of the paper, inks and printing that there is no fear of confounding them, for on the back where appear the arms of Spain the printing is blurred.

This value of notes has been 13 months in Circulation a long time relatively for the facility with which, unfortunately, these things happen. The printings have been pretty well executed but not so well however as may be desired and to the greater or less skill of the forged is united the indulgence of the law.

Correspondencia de Espana
Madrid 7th Dec:'07

FORGED ISSUE

At the Bank of Spain they have now news of the existence of a forgery of notes of the last issue printed in England. This morning as we are told there was presented in the said establishment one of the forged notes which was immediately stamped with the word falso. Previously to today it was known in the Bank that in a Lottery Office there had been presented another forged note of the same issue, the extent of the forgery is unknown. It is also known that it is roughly done, the bad being with great ease distinguished from the good.. The back in the forgery is very blurred.

The so called Echegaray issue was forged within a month. To forge the English issue it has taken 13 months undoubtedly on account of the difficulties met with and the conditions which are combined in it.

El Pais
Madrid Dec:8th'07

FORGED BANKNOTES:

At the Bank of Spain they have news of the existence of a forgery of the 100Pts notes of the last issue printed in England. Yesterday morning an individual presented himself at the pay counter of the Bank with one of the forged notes on which they put the cancellation "Falso". Previously to today it was known in the Bank that another forged note of the same issue had been given in at a Lottery office. The extent of the forgery is unknown. It is only known that it is poorly executed the bad being easily distinguished from the good on the back which in the forgery is very blurred looking. The so called Echegaray issue was only a month before it was forged, the English note it is not known how much time it took because what is now being discovered and is not yet known is when it was done and the extent of the forgery. Yesterday evening the Governor of the Bank gave the journalists this information respecting the forgery and he added, all due steps are being taken for the discovery of

the forgers. For the sake of the public in general we shall be glad when this happens but our police are not best qualified to inspire such hopes.

IMPARCIAL

Madrid Dec:8th'07

FORGED NOTES

The Bank of Spain has already proof that the last issue of the 100Pts notes has been forged, this being the issue which was printed in England. Yesterday morning at the Bank one of the forged notes was presented and was immediately stamped "Falso". It was known before this by the Bank that another forged note of this issue had been given in at a Lottery Office. The extent of the forgery is unknown. It is only known that it is roughly done etc.

"A.B.C."

Madrid Dec:8th'07

FORGED NOTES

At the Bank of Spain yesterday it was known that a forgery had been made of the 100Pts notes printed in England. This morning one of these forged notes was tendered. It is also known that another has been tendered at a Lottery Office. The extent of the forgery is unknown but it is easy to distinguish the bad from the good. The forgery it seems is a very poor one and can be distinguished at sight because the colours of the inks, printing and outlines of the forged note are very blurred being in pronounced tones.

TRANSLATION

from PEANT Dec:12th'07

I confirm my letter of the 9th which replied to your telegram of the 10th.

I hasten to tell you that no more forged notes have been tendered at the Bank there are therefore 2 up to the present, the one that the Bank has and the one that I sent you.

Rumour runs that there is a 3rd at a banking house but I have not yet verified it.

I have your letter of the 9th and have written a letter to Mr.Vaqueer to communicate to me his decision. When I informed him of your proposal he asked me for time to consider it but I think that he will accept.

Matters commence to be more tranquil at the Bank, the alarm has not been very great amongst the Councillors. The Board has had a forged note stuck up alongside of a good note and has published a note explaining the most apparent differences. In spite of this nothing fresh has turned up.

I remain etc.

R.Peant.

En esas peticiones podría haber algún fundamento, no lo niego. Tal vez las circunstancias las justificara; pero esto sería cosa á discutir en una Academia.

Recuerda que en las Cortes Constituyentes el Sr. Moret sostuvo lo contrario de lo que sostenía el Sr. Maestre.

Esa doctrina es peligrosa. Da la razón al socialismo y al comunismo.

El ministro de GRACIA Y JUSTICIA cree que el Sr. Maestre ha sido injusto con la Casa de Austria.

Lee un texto del Sr. Montero Ríos, quien [illegible] el preámbulo de los presupuestos de 1870 sostenía que el sueldo al clero era la indemnización por los bienes expropiados.

El Sr. MAESTRE: Yo no he hablado en nombre del partido liberal; he sostenido la doctrina de la escuela liberal.

Respecto á la Casa de Austria, si yo leye[illegible] lo que tengo aquí (señalando un paquete d[illegible] papeles) tendría que presentar su señoría la dimisión por antipatriota y por inculto, cualidades que no están en su señoría.

Lee las leyes españolas que prohibían á la Iglesia la posesión de bienes (leyes votadas en Benavente y Nájera; los fueros de Segovia, Zamora, Sahagún, Cáceres, etc., etc., sancionados por los Reyes).

Los individuos de la Comisión: El texto de esas leyes.

El Sr. MAESTRE: No traigo los textos. Puede verlos el que quiera, pues entrego el índice al *Diario de las Sesiones*.

[CU]TT(ING ENCLOSED IN PEA[N]TS LETTER

12/12/'07

There has been tendered at the cash office at the Bank a forged note of the 100Pts serie the issue of 30th June 1906 and, though owing, to the roughness of the imitation it is easy to distinguish it from the genuine note, the public is informed of the fact and their attention is called to the most noticeable differences so that they may be warned against the circulation of such notes.

The paper of the forged note is exceedingly coarse and when held up to the light shows an opaque and checkered mass. The paper of the genuine note is perfectly transparent and uniform. The engraving of the black on the front in the forged note is hard and most incorrect, it being observed in the upper portion that the red streaks in the genuine note s come out in the forged ones blue and superimposed on other redish ones. The central medallion on the front in which appears the figure 100 in light blue colour is very thick and blurred in the forged notes and is wanting in the transparency of the genuine ones.

The back strikes one right away at the first glance exceedingly botchy and coarse being wanting in all the fineness and clearness of the genuine note especially in the very fine white lines on a blue ground which looks like lace and which are of a different shade and colour.

The numbering in red cyphers both on the face and on the back are smaller, extremely dirty & of a different type. In

Banco de España.

Se ha presentado en la Caja del Banco un billete falso de la serie de 100 pesetas, emisión de 30 de Junio de 1906, y aunque por lo grosero de la imitacón es fácil distinguirlo de los legítimos, se pone el hecho en conocimiento del público, llamándole la atención acerca de las diferencias más notables, para que pueda estar prevenido contra la circulación de tales billetes.

El papel de los billetes falsos es sumamente basto, y si se mira al trasluz presenta una masa opaca y cuadriculada; el papel de los legítimos es perfectamente transparente y uniforme.

El grabado en negro del anverso en los falsos es duro y muy incorrecto, observándose en la parte superior que las ráfagas rojizas en los legítimos aparecen en los falsos azules y [illegible]repuestas á otras rojizas. El medallón c[illegible]al del mismo anverso, en que aparece la cifra «100» en color azul claro, es muy borroso en los falsos y carece de la diafanidad de los legítimos.

El reverso aparece desde luego á primera vista sumamente borroso y grosero, careciendo todo él de la finura y limpieza del legíti[illegible] especialmente en las finísimas líneas [illegible]ncas sobre fondo azul que semejan encaje, siendo de distinto matiz su color.

La numeración en guarismos rojos, tanto del anverso como del reverso, es más pequeña, sumamente sucia y de tipo diferente.

Para que el público pueda apreciar por sí mismo las expresadas diferencias y otras muchas que distinguen de los legítimos á los billetes falsos, se expone un ejemplar de cada uno de ellos en el vestíbulo del Banco de la calle de Alcalá.

Madrid, 10 de Diciembre de 1907.—El secretario general, *Gabriel Miranda.*

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order that the public may appreciate for itself the said differ ences and many others which distinguish the good from the bad notes a specimen of each one of them is being exhibited in the doorway of the Bank at its premises in the Callao de Alcala

Secretary General

(Sgd) Gabriel Miranda

DRAFT

to PEANT December 13th'02

We have examined with very great interest the forged note of 100Pts. enclosed with your letter of the and we can say without hesitation that in our long experience we have never seen a counterfeit on which so much pains had been bestowed with, from the forgers point of view, such inadequate results. We have frequently had occasion to explain that any note can be copied with more or less success and that all that the Bank note manufacturer can do is to put the greatest difficulties in the way of the counterfeiter and to compel him, as far as possible, to use the same methods in ~~his~~ making his counterfeit as those which are employed in the production of the genuine note. The present forgery affords an excellent example of the soundness of this procedure as a cursory examination is sufficient to show that it has been engraved by hand throughout, no part of it being a direct reproduction of the original and this accounts for the immunerable differences which it presents when compared with the genuine note. In the engraving of the two emblematical figures on the face of the note the lines vary not only in quality and precision but in their direction and number, and this applys not only to the flesh work but also the the drapery. Much ingenuity has been employed in copying the geometric lathe work both on the face and on the back of the note but here again not only is the work much coarser in appearance but the number of lines is in almost every case less than in the corresponding position of the genuine note in one case 25 lines taking the place of 35 in the original. On the

back the engraving of the arms of spain presents innumerable imperfections and differences, the shading of course and the spaces between the lines unequal and in some instances the latter are sloping in the opposite direction to those of the original. The yellow protective pattern printed over the blue work is absent in the counterfeit or only represented by a faint yellow tinge.

As a satisfactory demonstration of the efficacy of the precautions taken to prevent photographic reproduction of the original note, the counterfeit is most valuable and it also shows, we venture to affirm the impossibility of copying high class engraving by hand, as all the delicacy and effect of the original is lost and after 12 months the forger has only succeeded in producing a poor, coarse, pale travesty of the original document. It is regrettable that so much patient labour and ingenuity have not been applied to a more legitimate purpose .

DRAFT

to PEANT Dec:13th'07

I have your favour of the 9th inst. which has crossed ours of the 11th and thank you for sending me the forged 100Pts note which I have found in it and with the value of which say £4 we have credited you. I send you enclosed a report on the subject of this forgery and I venture to hope that the bad impression which it must have caused at the Bank is biginning to disappear and I am sure that if it only depended on your efforts we should have no reason to disquiet ourselves. As you say - we must wait to see what is the extent of the forgery and meanwhile

We remain, etc.

P.S. Herewith we send you No.1. share El Guindo also a copy of a letter received from the Paris Agents of the Bank of Spain.

DRAFT

to PEANT 17th Dec'07

I have your favours of the 12th and 13th which have crossed mine of the 11th and 13th.

FORGED NOTES OF 100PTS

I am very glad to learn from the first of your letters that no more forged notes have been presented at the Bank and that the impression that the forgery has caused is still diminishing - thanks for the press cutting.

SNR:VAQUER:

We wait your news on this subject when we have received any definite reply.

We have credited you with the various sums mentioned in your letter of the 13th and in addition we credit you with £126:12 on the invoice of the 26th Nov: which Mr.Jauralde has just paid us.

We remain

BW&Co

TRANSLATION

from PEANT December 14th '07

I confirm my letter of the 13th and have yours of the 11th which I have read with the greatest attention having communicated to the Bank the most essential portions of which it treats. It remains understood that the 100Pts note which has been bleached and which I sent you so that you could give me information respecting its alteration will be returned to me with your memorandum. When you have sent me your information on the 2 notes I will communicate it officially to the Bank.

You will find enclosed a letter which Mr.Vaquer has just sent me. You will see that he accepts the proposal to go to work for two months in your establishment but that this cannot be before the 1st Feb: as he has work in hand which he cannot leave. It would be understood that he will not have to pay his pension and that it will be yourself who will find for him and pay his board and lodging.

No more forged notes have been presented at the Bank there are only the 3 which I have mentioned to you. In my interview this afternoon with the sub-Governor he admitted to me that our competitors had already laid siege to the fortress. I am comparatively easy about it as I have managed to have a talk with the members of the Board and I have found them calm and full of sang froid. Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena has no intention of changing his plans only they will be put off for two or three months. He proposes to thoroughly inform himself

of the extent of the forgery and if, as he hopes, there is no renewal of this and if it does not cause more impression than this first one he will continue to order from you notes similar to those which are in circulation.

For some days I have had the idea that on one of the Backs of the designs approved for the reserve issue there is one which says El Banco de Espana instead of Banco de Espana and that you have not made the correction of leaving out the article "El" which should not appear except in the text on the front. Kindly then see if the error exists or if it only exists in my imagination.

I Remain

R.Pe nt

TRANSLATION

from MR: VAQUER to PEANT   Madrid 13th Dec: '07

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have received the engravings and that I accept the proposals of Messrs BW&CO respecting going to London for 2 months on the conditions which they express in their letter, it being understood that their saying that they will find me Board and Lodging means that this will be for their account apart from the remuneration in money which they offer me.

With regard to making a permanent contract which they indicate, I cannot yet give a definite reply because this depends upon the impressions of my stay in London and on other circumstances which as yet I think it premature to explain. I shall be obliged if you will communicate to the English House that until the end of January, it is not possible for me to undertake the journey so that I will be in London on the 1st February as I have some work which I must finish up. I presume that this short delay will not matter to BW&CO

I remain

DRAFT

to PEANT Dec:19th'07

I have to thank you for your favour of the 14th inst. enclosing a letter from Mr. Vaquer which I beg to return herewith. I am very sorry I have omitted before to return you the Banknote which had been tampered with by the removal of the blue colour, which I now enclose.

I am very pleased at what you say as to the general feeling at the Bank in reference to these forged notes and sincerely hope that nothing more will come of it, meanwhile I am pushing forward with all speed the engraving of the 100 and 1,000Pts notes.

With reference to Mr. Vaquer, I am sorry that I did not make it plain in my previous letter that the cost of his Board and lodging while here during the trial two months will be paid by this Company.

As you say, on one of the back designs the word "EL" had been inserted but this has been removed and now does not appear except on the face of the notes.

With no more for today. With kindest remembrances

I remain,

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

from PEANT Dec:20th'07.

I confirm my letter of the 14th and have yours of the 13th.

At the Bank they would have liked to see in your memorandum what process the forger used to do the white line of the border on the front and all the back. I replied to them that you said that that had been done entirely by hand and I avoided any further explanation beyond saying that as you had not given any explanation it must be because you didn't think it appropo to do so.

I return the letter from the Director of the Agency of the Bank of Spain in Paris, there is nothing to do in this matter of cheques in view of the large stock of cheques and paper which the Bank has. Perhaps they will decide to make a purchase of some machine to perforate the numbering but they are going to collect information to see if there is anything else beyond what we have shewn them.

Saturday next the 21st inst., I shall start for Paris until the 4th or 5th of January and I think it needless to tell you how much pleasure I should have in talking over with you the recent events at the Bank if during these holidays you can make a trip to Paris. I shall stay in Paris at
25 Boulevard des Capucines

I remain.

P.S. I notice you have sent me the copy only of Mr. Amesqueta's letter I am not therefore enclosing it herewith.

TRANSLATION

from PEANT, Paris December 29th'07

My dear Mr.Wilkinson:-

All my regret at seeing in your favour of the 23rd that you cannot come to Paris during these holidays and all the more that the cause should be your knee which is not yet quite right again.

I consider this forgery everything which is most curious, first of all the manner in which the note is engraved, parts very successfully, others very badly interpreted Then what I consider more extraordinary that only three should have been presented leading one to suppose that the forger wanted to do harm to your house not to get any benefit out of it himself. In this order of ideas I ask myself if some house a competitor of yours in your City who has some animosity against you might not have wished to do you an injury by doing a thing badly enough so as not to be suspected but having put in some details accurate enough for one to realize that they can manage to make something similar.

Please accept dear Mr.Wilkinson the New Years wishes which Mrs.Peant and I sent you We wish you good health and every satisfaction which your business and your children may procure for you

We shall be in Paris until the 4th of next month.

We remain,

Yours etc.

DRAFT

PEANT - Paris. January 2nd 1908

My dear Mr.Peant:-

Very many thanks for your kind letter of the 29th. Please accept my heartiest greetings to you and Madam Peant for this new year with every wish for good health and good luck.

As to the forgery of the 100Pts note, I am equally surpeised with you at what has happened, it is certainly most curious, if it is a competitor I dont believe it is the London House and the only other firm who would have special animosity in this affair is Perrigot Masure of Paris who has tried over and over again to force us to combine with them and use watermarked paper in these Spanish notes. He told me once in Paris he could forge any note we made without his watermarked paper in a week - but I dont see how it is possible to find out.

I am hurrying forward as much as possible the 100Pts and 1000Pts values of the new notes and trusting you have had a pleasant stay in Paris and wishing you a safe return to Madrid

I remain etc

P.S. I may tell you that there has been a forgery of a note of ours in Uruguay, a very old one however and one which we have not reprinted for 10 years. They cought the forger through following up the printer of a picture post card printed on similar lines to the Spanish one you sent me. Their argument was that the man who could print a post card could forge a note. Although I dont ~~apply~~ suppose for a moment that the same would apply for the Bank of Spain as the forgery was engraved and not photographed still it is a strong argument against permission being given for the publication of picture postcards bearing imitation banknotes.

TRANSLATION

from R: PEANT MADRID, January 10th '08

I returned to Madrid on the 7th inst., and nothing fresh has turned up during my absence. I have before me your favours of then17th, 19th and 23rd ult: and 3rd inst.

FORGED 100PTS NOTES:

One more of these has been presented at the Bank which brings the number to four. Now the Bank Police know a little village where there are three or four of them and have sent one of their detectives to try and find out whence they come - this of course is in strict confidence.

As soon as the house of Perrigot got to know of the forgery they presented themselves at the Bank and told them how wrong they had been to abandon their watermarked paper for at the present day no note resisted photography as the recent forgery of the 100Pts note made by Messrs BW&Co has shewn. That the paper being the sole guarantee known they came feeling assured that the Bank would have urgent need of their services. The Bank replied th them that they had had in the forgery which had been made o f the 100Pts note of Messrs Bradbury the satisfaction of being convinced that the last note of 100Pts which they had now in circulation had withstood all photographic reproduction and that the forger had only produced an imitation made by hand; this encouraged them to persist in the path they had chosen and consequently they were very much obliged to Messrs Perrigot for their offers.

This incident comes in to answer the remark with

from R.P.

regard to this house you made me in your last letter addressed to Paris.

The Bank has once more recovered its calmness in this lamentable affair - let us hope that nothing fresh will turn up.

MR:VAQUER

I have communicated to Mr.Vaquer the explanation in your letter of the 19th Dec: and he has replied that he will start so as to present himself at your offices on the 1st Feb: Will you please give me on this subject the necessary instructions concerning the route which Mr.Vaquer should follow on his journey and if you think that I ought to give him a Cooks ticket from Madrid to London or if it is preferable to give him a sum of money which he could account for on his arrival in London. In the Itenerary you will not forget to indicate to me to what address Mr.Vaquer is to go on his arrival in London. Mr.Vaquer speaks, or rather understands, a little French.

6% COUPON SHEETS

When I went to make the deposit of the 10% guarantee mentioned in the contract I was called upon to pay 2% of Derechos Reales instead of ½% which I had hitherto succeeded in paying. I paid up, not being able to do otherwise, but I made on the spot a protest which is to be decided on legal Administrative grounds by the State. I now find that the legal procedure being once commenced I have no personality to

f#om R.P.

pursue the matter in the way I propose and I have to ask you for a Power of Attorney in the name of myself and Don Manuel Gandul as usual which will say

"Poder para reclamar ante las Oficinas del Estado en asuntos Administrativos y percibir las cantidades a que tenga derecho la Sociedad"
which means
"Power to claim in the State Offices of Administrative affairs and to collect the sums to which the Company is entitled"

You will kindly send me this at the earliest possible. You must remember that in the first contract this problem came forward the Contratos de Obros (contract for works) paying a ½% whilst Contratos de Suministros (contracts for supplies) paying 2%. In reality we ought to pay 2% but having managed up to today to pay only ½% it would be imprudent to let this prededent be established as it might in the future inconvenience us for a more important affair. Must I tell you that the matter is very well recommended and that I have the promise that it will be favourably decided. Moreover in the legal proceedings there is no expense for us and that might cost us very dear if we let the matter go through thus. I did not intend speaking to you in this matter until I had decided it but as your powers are limited in so exclusive a manner to the signator (signing) of the contract I found myself immediately without any personality.

BLEACHED 100PTS: NOTE

I find in your letter of the 19th December the bleached note but as the Bank had sent it to you to make a report upon it and you did not sent me one I will make it myself ·

inspiring myself with what you have written me on the subject.

EL GUINDO:

You will make the despatch by the steamer leaving on the 18th inst with the instructions that from Sántander to Madrid the despatch is made by Doble Pecuna Velocidad (double Petit Vitesse)

MACHINE FOR PERFORATING NUMBERS:

You will kindly send me one of these for a lithographer in Madrid who has asked me for it but before actually buying it you will send me an estimate addressed to

Snr: Don Julian Palacios, Madrid.

and you will put in it the price of £60 and a perforated number so that he may sign for me his acceptance.

I remain:

P.S. Kindly confirm to me the price you gave me for the machine for perforating numbering - I think it was £50 and 10% on this commission price, I dont know if I gave this letter to the Governor of the Bank for I cannot find it.

T H SAUNDERS
1869

DRAFT

to R:PEANT January 15th. 1907

I have to acknowledge your favour of the 10th for which many thanks.

FORGED 100PTS NOTES:

I am very interestednin your further information and shall anxiously await news as to whether the steps the police are taking leads to any result. I dont really think for a moment that Perrigot had anything to do with the promoting of the forgeries in spite of what he said to me and I suppose it is natural for him now to take the opportunity to boom his precious watermarked paper. I am very pleased at your convincing the Bank people that the forgery was an original engraving and not a photographic reproduction. Some little time ago I remember suggesting that it was not advisable to go too far in running down watermarked paper as a security as at that time they (the Bank) had their heart set upon it and you will remember had a big stock of watermarked paper on hand, now however, this is past and they are entirely accustomed to the idea of their notes being printed on ordinary plain paper; I think you have one of our specimen booklets on Imitation Watermark, illustrating, how easy it is to copy a watermark. I am not sure whether you have shewn this to the Bank people, in any case it seems to me a propitious moment to remind them of it. Perrigot's argument as to the infallibility of watermarked paper is absurd; most of the continental forgeries of banknotes have been of those printed upon watermarked paper.

MR: VAQUER:

I am pleased to know that Mr.Vaquer will definitely be here on the 1st of next month. I have prepared a room for him upstairs and think he will be quite comfortable here and at the Boarding House selected, the address of which I will now give you:-

Mrs.M.Donkin,
8 & 9 Grenville St:
Brunswick Sq: W.C.

I may say that Mrs.Donkin and several of the guests talk Spanish & French. As to the route, I suppose the best is via Paris and Calais to Dover; kindly oblige me by buying for him a 2nd class through ticket to London and letting me know the amount which I will place to your credit. If you will let me know the train most convenient to him and the time of his arrival in London and the station to which he will come he will be met at the station upon arrival in order to save him trouble in getting across London to the house. I sincerely trust that after his trial work here we shall find an arrang ment mutually satisfactory.

4% COUPON SHEETS

I will send you at the earliest possible a power of Attorney for the purpose of giving you authority to recover the difference in percentage on the amount paid for Derechos Reales. It will be a day or two as there is considerable routine necessary, such as Board Meetings and approval by the Spanish Authority here, but I will lose no time. I quite agree with you as to the necessity of obtaining this concession

us unless a protest is now established they may endeavour next time as you say to make it 2% or even 5%

BLEACHED 100PTS NOTE

In my letter of December 11th I reported to you fully our views on this note. The Bank if you remember have not communicated with us direct, their letter was addressed to you to be forwarded to us and I am glad that you have made, yourself, a report based on our letter and trust there will be no more trouble in this matter.

EL GUINDO:

I note your instructions as to the despatch of these Bonds.

Is there any chance of soon receiving an order for a reprint of any value of the current issue as having finished the old order we have the machines available until the commencementof the notes for the reserve issue and a printing order is very much to be desired at the moment.

With no more for today. With compliments

I remain etc.

P.W.W.

DRAFT

to PEANT   January 28th'08

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 22nd and 24th inst. for which I am much obliged, as well as for copy of your letter to the Bank of Spain and Mr.Vaquer's letter to you. I sincerely hope that your efforts to obtain for us a reprint order will be successful.

I confirm my letegram of yesterday as follows:-

We consent to pay ~~or~~ 1st class

In your letter of the 15th Nov: last you suggested that Mr.Vaquer should come to London 2nd class that is the reason I repeated it in my last letter, at the same time, the question of the few pounds difference is of no consequence and I am surprised that he was not willing to pay the difference himself rather than make any trouble about it. The Pension I have selected for him to stay at is one of good class where we have several times had friends staying and it is quite certain that if it is not good enough for him he will have to please himself elsewhere, however I hope there will not be any more difficulties and that his two months stay in London will be of mutual advantage.

With regard to the machine for perforating numbers I will send you out two as requested and with one will send a pro-forma invoice to Snr.Julian Palacios for £25.

With no more for today and with kindest remembrances

I remain

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

from VAQUER TO PEANT Madrid January 22nd'08

My distinguished friend:-

Having duly noted your esteemed letter I am very much obliged for the facilities which Messrs BW&Co offer me but I must point out to you that it has caused me surprise that they instruct you to take a second class ticket for me, when I travel I am always accustomed to travel 1st class and the more on this occasion on account of the length and tiresomeness of the journey and on account of it being the severest time of the year, I therefore ask you to be kind enough to communicate to these gentlemen my reply adding that should they reply in accordance with what I explained to you I will start my journey in good time so as to be in London on the 1st Feb:

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

TRANSLATION

from PEANT January 22nd'08

I confirm my letter of the 18th inst., and have your favours of the 16th and 18th having found in this latter the Power of Attorney for which I had asked you and for which I thank you. You will find enclosed a copy of my letter to the Governor of the Bank, I hope to obtain a good result from it. The Bank had on the 31st Dec: 1,800,000 notes of 25Pts and 2,380,000 of 100Pts with that they can go on till the month of November or December this year. They consider that in giving you the order two or three months before this date that is sufficient and between now and then they will see if the forgery is of any importance or if any other should turn up.

In view of the terms in which I have written the letter it may be that I shall get the order, in any case it is to that end I am looking.

MR:VAQUER:

I have been much annoyed by this matter for having communicated to Mr.Vaquer what you told me as regards journey he has sent me a letter which I forward to you herewith in which he tells me to inform you that he is in the habit of travelling first class. Before writing to you I got him to come to my office to inform him that abroad it was not like it was in Spain that one travels more by 3rd than 1st and that in indicating 2nd class you had done what you ought to do, that I approved your conduct and that I was in disagreement with

his. I told him that I in his place would accept a 2nd class and would pay the extra for first from my own pocket, he has stuck to what he said and has asked me to send you his request. This attitude has displeased me and I am asking myself if he expects that his Board in London should be also of first class like what he requires for his journey. When I see in one of my fellow-countrymen what appears the Don Quixote I am disgusted with him and I want no more of it, you will tell me by letter or by telegram what I must do, what answer you think should be given to him. In any case if you still wish that he should come to London please remember that it will not be necessary to show him absolutely anything of your house that he is to work in the room you have prepared for him and that is all. He does not go to your place as an employee of the Bank but goes there to show his aptitude for entering your place as an engraver. It is only when he is definitely engaged by you that he will be in a position to satisfy his curiosity.

MACHINE FOR PERFORATING NUMBERS

You will have the kindness to send me one of these with an invoice in the name of Julian Palacios in which you will put as a price £25 - in my account please put its nett price £20:

I remain,

TRANSLATION

from PEANT to the BANK OF SPAIN January 22nd'08

To the Governor of the Bank of Spain:-

My principals Messrs BW&Co: of London indicate to me that I should communicate to you the following:-

If it enters into the views of the Council at the Bank to order in this year reprints of the notes which are in circulation, the London House would be obliged if they could be given the order straight away seeing that at the present moment they have some machines available and it would be convenient for them to go on doing work in order that everything should not be crowded up in the 2nd half of the present year.

As regards the reserve issues which the Bank have on order with them, they will not begin to deliver notes before the month of May.

They have in preparation other important printing orders which they will begin also half way through this year and seeing that they still have to endeavour to satisfy the necessities of the Bank with these coming along they take the liberty of making this suggestion in case it should be possible to normalize the work so that this may avoid precipitancies and may redound to its perfection.

I remain,

DRAFT

to PEANT February 4th. '08

I have to acknowledge receipt of your two favours of the 28th and 30th ult: for which many thanks.

MR: VAQUER

This gentleman arrived safely here on Saturday and is now at work on the engraving of a portrait. He seems to be very uncertain as to whether he wants to stay or not and has given more than one reason why it will be necessary for him to return to Spain, He added that of course if he could not get work in Madrid at the Bank he would be obliged to come either here or Waterlows ar elsewhere which does not seem to me as if he had really come here on a two months fair trial with the intention to stop if we were satisfied.

I was very surprised at the contents of your letter received this morning to the effect that anything Mr.Vaquer learnt here would be to our prejudice is not at all satisfactory is it? But I think you will agree with me that there are reasons why it would be advisable if possible to keep on friendly terms with him and not do anything very stringent.

It naturally occurred to me that the best thing would be to send him back at once but on reflection I feel sure that the best thing will be to keep him here as agreed, carry out our part of the agreement and use every precaution that he shall learn nothing whatever of our process. I am much obliged to you for the warning.

I dont think he will have any trouble with the steel

as ours is of special quality - however I will keep you informed as to what happens.

We have placed to your credit the amount of £18:3:8 spent by you in connection with the travelling of Mr.Vaquer.

With best compliments. etc.

P.W.W.

TRANSLATION

from R:PEANT January 30th 1908

I confirm my letter of the 28th inst and ask you to credit my account with money handed to Mr.Vaquer as follows:-

£8 in gold viz., 100 Francs & £4 sterling
10;3:8: equals 268Pts 1st class ticket Madrid to London and 25Pts given him in silver

£10:3:8:

I would recommend you once more to take the necessary precautions so that Mr.Vaquer does not get any knowledge of your manufacturing process. From conversations which I have had with him at the last moment and today with the chiefs at the Bank I have acquired the most absolute conviction that he is going to get hold of all that he can as to your manner of working and that everything which he can assimilate will be to your prejudice.

Then let him look after his engraving, inform him fully as to everything which is engraving but let him be entirely ignorant of all the rest.

I remain etc.

TRANSLATION

from R: PEANT February 7th '08

I confirm my letter of the 3rd inst and have yours of the 4th .

I am very glad that Mr.Vaquer has plainly shown his hand for that will enable you to tell him

> "From the moment that you have not any definitely fixed idea as to returning to London to our house we cannot reveal our manner of working to people who will tomorrow be found amongst our competitors."

For my part, when the opportunity presents itself I will help as much as possible, I will let the Bank know that your reserve arises from Mr.Vaquers strange manner of going on.

I remain etc.,

DRAFT

My dear Mr.Peant.   Feb:7th'08

I have to acknowledge your letters of the 3rd inst., for which I am much obliged. Of course we shall be very willing to do all in our power to oblige Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena and will make an exception of our rule not to make plates or blocks and will supply the 24 required. There will be no difficulty as to the lettering but the left hand scroll containing the head is one which is not suitable for typographic printing. Shaded heads and graduated backgrounds (such as are indicated on the design) are only adapted to plate printing and do not reproduce well by the typographic process, for which a different style is essential if a satisfactory result is to be obtained. Surface engraving has its own artistic value when properly designed but when a design adapted only to plate printing is produced in surface it simply invites comparison with, and draws attention to its inferiority to the former. However I will have it engraved and a surface black made from the scroll only and will send it to you to show what I mean and we will then see how it appears. I presume that it has been arranged so because the Bank has the presses otherwise the cheque would look much better printed from litho. You say it is going to be printed in ordinary black ink, this cheque will be very insecure against falsification as it will possess no safeguards such as fugitive ink tablets, chemical paper or overlay.

With regard to the perforated numbering, the position you indicate between the end of the lettering and the scroll on the right, will not be suitable unless the perforation is

done after the cheque has been cut out of the counterpart as the machine would not take the whole of the blank paper including the counterpart when the cheque is inserted for perforation. The enclosed perforated number shows the greatest ~~difference~~ distance from edge of paper. The space at the top above the title would be quite convenient.

Early next week I am meeting Mr.Green in Rome to settle some important work in connection with our company there but I do not anticipate being away more than 10 days. Kindly therefore do not mark any letters personal that require immediate attention until I advise you of my return.

I shall be very pleased to send you some postage stamps and have made a note to do so as soon as I arrive back from Italy.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

from PEANT February 3rd '08

I confirm my letter of the 30th ult: and send you herewith a sketch of a cheque for the Bank the engraving of which I ask you to have executed. For some time past the Bank has studied a new cheque and the incident of the faked cheque which they unduly paid has brought the matter forward. Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena after having sketches innumeral made by engravers, designers and writing experts of the Bank has entrusted the making of the design to me. The one which I send you has been approved by the Council at the Bank with the modifications indicated on the tracing on linen and this morning the sub-Governor had me at his office and told me that he desired that you should do the engraving and reproduce 24 cliches of it, 12 with the word "Madrid" as in the sketch and 12 with a dotted line in the place of Madrid, so as to put in the name of the Town over these in the provinces. He desires that you should make this for him with the greatest perfection in the greatest possible hurry and that you should not charge him too dearly for it. He also wishes that it should not be known that this work is being done at your place. He has taken this matter up with enthusiasm, his amourpropre is at stake and he puts himself in your hands with confidence that the work will be a success. I replied that the House of Bradbury would be very happy to prove to the Sub-Governor of the Bank how much it wishes to satisfy him, that it is its principle not to do any engraving or reproduce any cliches for

its customers but that in view of his desires they would bring to bear all their Art, care and skill of their artists so that the work should leave nothing to be desired by the most scrupulously particular.

I dont doubt that you will agree with me in my conduct and that you will respond to the confidence of Don Angel Gonzelez de la Pena. They think of printing these cheques at their note factory by typography with ordinary black ink. You will take care that Mr.Vaquer knows nothing of this.

I remain etc.

OBSERVATIONS which should be borne in mind in executing the engraving of the Cheque for the Bank of Spain.

In the first place it is desired that you entrust thex engraving to your best engraver for the vignette, figure and English style lettering seeing that I have undertaken that a perfect piece of work shall be delivered. In doing the engraving it should be remembered that it is to serve for the making of blocks seeing that these cheques will have to be printed typographically in black ink. The engraving to be made is that of the pen and ink sketch but for the size of the cheque and the placing of the lines the pencil tracing on tracing linen should be taken. On this tracing you will notice that the termination, top and bottom, of the ornament of the scroll on the left has been taken away and that the two points of the scroll on the right have been modified by shortening them. The "No" and the "Ptas" will be placed as is indicated on the tracing. The text in English style will be of the same form and the same kind as on the design with the heavy strokes strong.

As soon as the engraving is finished you will submit a proof of it before beginning to make the blocks. The space which there is between the end of the lettering and the scroll on the right will be reserved to put in there a perforated number. The number which is indicated at the top between the "No" and "Ptas" will be left out. This work must not be delayed - it is urgent.

TRANSLATION

My dear Mr.Wilkinson:- February 3rd 1908

I wish to recommend to you the engraving of the cheque for the Bank in the most earnest manner. We must give full satisfaction to the sub-Governor in his wishes. Should you not have good engravers for the English style lettering in London you could get some in Paris. It is necessary that this should be good and worthy of you.

I have another small service to ask of you would you be so kind as to put aside for me the stamps from the letters which you receive. One of my costömers is asking me for them and as you must receive them from all over the world on all these heavy packages which you receive registered you will be able to get me a little collection without too much trouble.

Mrs.Peant and I have been pleased with the good news about your knee and we sincerely hope that xxxx this long lasting inconvenience will soon be over.

I remain,

DRAFT

to RLPEANT - Bordeaux April 23rd'08

I duly received your letter of the 20th and need hardly say how much it has worried me but as I am going to see you it is useless now to explain why there must be differences between the designs and the actual notes, I will show you fully however when we meet. Meanwhile, naturally, nothing shall be left undone in order to satisfy more the Bank authorities, the most important point for the moement is to decide when it is best for you to come to London. To pull complete proofs it takes at least two weeks owing to the time necessary to elapse between each process to allow of drying, and then again I am so uncertain as to what is exactly objected to. Can you, to save time, let me know exactly what is the complaint. The black plate work or the colour work and if the latter, whether the colour is wrong or the general effect. The best thing to do and what I have at once put in hand is the preparation of further proofs with modifications which will I think bring the proofs nearer the original designs. I dont know quite how long you can spare away from Madrid, what would suit me best would be for you to let me have next week to get as far forward as possible with these proofs and then for you to come on Monday May 4th and arrange to stay at least 4 or 5 days in case experiments have to be made. Of course please understand that I am here all the time and if you must come earlier any time next week will suit me personally but you understand that the proofs will be very little advanced.

Now as to Mr. Fritz, I dont really think that he can help us in pulling these proofs as with regard to the actual printing from the blocks, weare the more expert. Mr. Fritz is a chemist first and foremost and helped us with the general scheme of design and the preparation of the colours, with the result that the design as sent you was a combination of his ideas and our own. Will you please let me know which will be the most convenient to you in the matter of coming to London and I will arrange accordingly and trust that we shall be able to smooth out all difficulties.

Will you please give my kind remembrances to Madam Peant and waiting your further news

I remain,

Yours faithfully

BRADBURY WILKINSON & CO:LTD:

TRANSLATION

from R: PEANT Apr:20th'08

I confirm my letter of the 14th and as I said to you in my letter of the 13th about the effect produced when comparing the designs and the proofs of the 1000Pts note, I must tell you that the impression which the proof of the 100Pts note produced with the design has been deplorable. To such a point did dissatisfaction arrive that the Sub-Governor did not wish to hand me the approval of the Council of the 100Pts. The Councillors have approved the proofs instructing the Sub-Governor to point out to me the capital differences existing between the designs and the proofs, and that I should take the responsibility of seeing that the remarks should be followed out to their full satisfaction by your house. The Sub-Governor told me to start for London and to bring back with me fresh proofs which would be more acceptable in order to avoid any contretemps as regards the notes of 100 and 1000Pts and the remainder of the reserve issue which have yet to be submitted. These proofs will not go again before the Council it being assumed that they have confidence in the steps which I am going to take with yourself.

I consider from the first moment this matter so badly placed that I dont hesitate to start for London. I will ask you then on receipt of the present letter to write me what day you can see me from Monday the 27th. If it is possible to remake these proofs in 2, 3 or 4 days in order to know if I have to remain in London or should it so turn out that if you will send me the proofs during the few days which my return to

Madrid will take me.

Mr.Fritz having been in London for the manufacture of the designs would it not be advisable that he should be there to prepare the proofs. Please send me your reply to this letter to Bordeaux, No.35 Rue de Taillan. I am going with Mrs.Peart who will accompany me to Paris or to London according as to whether I stay in your City for one day or four or five.

I remain,

P.S. I will take the designs and proofs with me I have duly received your favour of the 13th and 16th.

TRANSLATION

R:PEANT

June 1st '08

I confirm my letter of the 30th ult and have your favours of the 28th which are in order. My letter of the 26th informed you that the Finance Minister had read a draft of an issue of Amortizable Debt and it is only when the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies have voted this law that it will be decided how many bonds will be printed of each serie to make up the 170,000,000Pts.

4% INTERIOR DEBT

The last coupon of the bonds which are in circulation of this Debt will be cut off on the 1st Oct'08. ?1911 It will be necessary then that the whole of the Interior Debt which is in circulation should be renewed for that date. With this view I have had an interview with the Director of the Debt and gave him to understand that a work of this importance should be gone into with care and ordered as much ahead as possible so that it might be carefully executed. He has then promised to start the Portfolio relating to the matter and to this end he would require to know what time you would want to

do	1,100,000	Bonds serie	A
	188,000	"	B
	204,000	"	C
	102,000		D
	84,000		E
	81,000		F
	155,000		G
	151,000		H
	2,065,000		

What would be the price of these bonds bearing in mind that at the present moment they cannot indicate exactly the printings and that in view of this you must consider the

figures which I give you are the maximum. You will be kind enough therefore to go into this matter without delay and tell me confidentially time, prices and if it would suit you to modify the size so as to facilitate the work for we could arrange all that. When giving me these prices you will give me all the details of what was done and paid for the former printings of this Debt.

I will go into all this with these gentlemen and will work so as to obtain the business on conditions most favourable to your interests.

Could I arrange the Vaquer affaire before my departure he has been to see me several times to ask me for news with the greatest anxiety

Yours truly

R.Peant

DOMESTIC
JAN -4 1909

TRANSLATION

from R:PEANT December 17th '08

I have received your favour of the 10th inst and it is with the greatest pleasure that I have learnt that you have returned in good health from your trip to the States. The object of the present letter is to advise you that the matter of the 4% Interior Bonds will be arranged between this and the end of the year. The Direction of the contentieux has already reported favourably upon it, the Intervention General of Finances will do so this week and the Minister of Finance with sign the authorisation to make the contract before the end of the year. The violent manner in which I have had to conduct this business has caused events to precipitate themselves compelling me in your absence from London to take on my own responsibility the arrangements and conditions for this important work, It is necessary that I should have an interview with you to inform you of all that I have done either before or after the New Years holidays at your convenience. If you think of passing a part of your holidays in France I shall be very glad not to go so far as London, I will accept a rendez-vous where you like and at whatever date you may fix. In order to arrange my affairs and to be fixed up as early as possible I ask you to telegraph me on receipt of the present letter the date and the place where we can have the interview for which I ask.

In order that you may have no uneasiness I tell you before hand that I have 2 years to execute the work and that I

have obtained a price higher than the approximate estimate for the 16th June last.

I have sent you a design representing "Fame" on an eagle which Mr.Vaquer has executed. The design had been given to me for him to correct it but as he understood the matter otherwise he has redrawn it entirely. You will tell him your opinion of it and indicate what he should be paid for this work.

Mr.Vaquer tells me that he requires a small good tint ruling machine, the smallest one there is which he would use solely for engraving the grounds. He is very desirous of giving you full satisfaction in the engraving of his vignettes and he cannot do so as regards the ground, you will see if there is a way of satisfying him.

You will receive this letter Thursday morning and I reckon to receive your telegram Thursday evening or at latest Friday.

Waiting the pleasure of hearing from you

We remain,

DRAFT CONTRACT

4% INTERIOR BONDS:

His Ex: Don Cenon Alisal y Lopez Director General of the Debt in virtue of the authorisation conferred upon him by Royal Decree of the 30th Dec:1908 and Don R.Peant y Paquier of Madrid representing BW&Co: of London which representation is confirmed by a Power which he produced drawn up in London on the before the Notary Public Mr.J.W.P.Jaurald which Power is legalised by the Concul General of Spain in that City and the signature of the latter by the Minister of State have agreed to draw up the present contract by which BW&Co undertake to make the special paper necessary for the ~~xxx~~ issue of bonds for the 4% Interior Debt and the printing and engraving of the same which have to be given in exchange for those actually in circulation issued on the 31st July 1900 on the following conditions:-

1st. BW&Co undertake to manufacture all the special paper which is required for the printing of the bonds of the 4% Interior Perpetual Debt of Spain which must be in class, quality, watermark and size equal to those used in the manufacture of the bonds of the same Debt printed by them in accordance with the contract made with them on the 31st May 1901 and drawn up in Escritura Publica on the 28th June following, using for the manufacture of the paper the moulds, the making of which will be for the account of the contracting house and which will remain afterwards the property of the ~~Xxxk~~ Spanish

Government for which purpose they will deliver them at the Agency of the Bank of Spain in London with inventory in duplicate on the termination of the contract.

2nd. BW&Co undertake to print, number and bind in the manner hereafter indicated 1,652,000 bonds of Perpetual Debt 4% Interior in accordance with the model which the Direction General of the Debt will furnish to them and divided by series in the following manner:-

900,000	bonds	serie	A	of 500Pts	Nos.1 to 900,000
160,000	"	"	B	2500	1 to 160,000
185,000	"	"	C	5000	1 to 185,000
75,000	"	"	D	12500	1 to 75,000
55,000	"	"	E	25000	1 to 55,000
45,000	"	"	F	50000	1 to 45,000
135,000	"	"	G	100000	1 to 135,000
95,000	"	"	H	200000	1 to 95,000
1,650,000	numbered bonds				

In addition they will print also and bind in separate books by series 2,000 unnumbered bonds as follows:-

700	bonds	serie	A
200		"	B
250		"	C
200		"	D
100		"	E
100		"	F
300		"	G
150		"	H
2,000			

with which the total printing reaches 1,652,000 bonds. Each bond will bear 40 coupons corresponding to the due dates from the 1st January 1912 up to the 1st Oct: 1921 both inclusive with the coupon numbers 41 to 80. Each serie of bonds will bear the colour which will be fixed by the Direction General on the back using the most superior class of inks known for

this kind of work. The bonds will be printed from steel plates engraved with the graver in intaglio (copperplate) subject to the model which will be approved by the said Direction General of the Debt for both from and back of the same, employing for the printing of these bonds the plates of material the preparation of which will be necessary for account of the contracting house remaining thereafter the property of the Spanish Government on the completion of the inspection and being also delivered to the Agency of the Bank of Spain in London under inventary in duplicate.

3rd. Both bonds and coupons will be numbered and bound first half bound as before in books of 500 bonds bearing on the covers a label of the same colour as the bond indicating the series and number of the contents of the book. The unnumbered bonds will be bound in separate books in the same manner and on the label on the back will be indicated the serie and quantity of bonds contained in it.

4th. BW&Co will submit two sheets of paper and 2 specimens of each serie of bonds by way of proofs out of which there will be returned to them one of each approved in order that they may go on with the printing.

5th. The delivery of the bonds will be made by BW&Co to the Agency of the Bank of Spain in London in 6 equal instalments of the whole quantity and must be finished 24 months after the formal contract has been approved. They must submit

a first proof 6 months after the signing of the said formal contract.

6th. The Spanish Government will intervene and supervise the manufacture of the paper and the printing of the bonds in such manner as it considers most convenient.

7th. The paper which results useless or defective either in the manufacture or in the printing of the bonds will be destroyed in the presence of the officials who inspect the work, the first at the Mill converting it into pulp and the 2nd in the establishment where the bonds are printed by the same manner, an account being kept of the number of sheets defective from one or the other cause in order that together with the number of sheets used for the bonds themselves there results the total of the sheets made.

8th. The Spanish Government will pay BW&Co for the said paper, printing, numbering and binding of the bonds the sum of £12:13:2 per 1,000 say £20,911:11:4: and £750 for the engraving and reproduction of the plates which payment amounting together to £21,661:11:4: will be made to them in London within 14 days after each delivery of bonds for the value of those which they deliver.

9th. Should the Spanish Government consider it necessary to extend the printings of all or any of the series of bonds referred to before finishing the delivery of the number specified in this Contract BW&Co undertake to print them and deliver them at the same price fixed in clause 8.

10th. This contract will have no effect or value until it is approved by the Minister of Finance and thereafter drawn up in a formal contract. The expenses occasioned by the drawing up of the same and the first copy of it in legal form which will have to be attached to the expediente, the duty of Derechos Reales and trasmision de bienes andthe excess of stamps should it arise will be for the account of BW&Co.

11th. As guarantee for the fulfillment of the contract BW&Co will pay in at the general Deposit office to the account of the Direction General of the Debt either in coin or in public securities in the regulation manner 10% of the total sum to which this order amounts which deposit will be returned to them immediately after the completion of the contract and after the regular formalities.

12th. Any question to which the sontract may give rise or which may be raised upon its fulfillment, meaning, recission or effects will be for the exclusive judgement and will be decided only by the Administracion Activa and the Contencioso Administrativa as may be necessary.

And both contracting parties being agreed each one in the representation which he claims they sign the present cpntract in duplicate to one sole effect in Madrid on the January 1909

DOMESTIC

FEB 26 1909

TRANSLATION

from R:PEANT 12th February '09

The Bank of Spain has received from its Granada Bran[ch] a forged 100Pts note imitated with rare perfection. The appe[ar]-ance of it is that of a mutilated note dark as regards the appearance of the printing, the whiteline very pure though being printed lithographically, the black's come out paler and the whitelines less white. It is a good forgery of which the notes might pass. I forgot, the blue on the back is not quite similar.

I think I shall be able to send it you shortly so th[at] you may be able to look at it.

This note arrived at the Bank the day before yesterday and today they have arrested at Vitoria some individuals who were trying to pass notes of 100Pts and there was found on them 13 notes. I send you several press cuttings on the subject. They dont yet know at the Bank if the Vitoria not[es] are like the one from Granada. They are much alarmed and upset over the matter at the Bank. The 50Pts note has also been forged but very badly.

I remain,

TRANSLATION

from the DIRECTOR OF THE DEBT to PEANT May 12th '09

The Director General of the Debt presents his compliments to Mr.R.Peant and has pleasure to inform him that today The Minister of Finance has signed the Royal Order proposing to the State the granting of the Cross of Charles 111 to Mr.P. Wilmot Wilkinson of the firm of BW&Co as a mark of the appreciation which the good services of the said Company have earned in the manufacture of the Bonds of the Spanish Debt

Cenon del Alisal takes pleasure in signing himself

TRANSLATION

from R:PEANT MADRID March 11th '10

My dear Mr.Wilkinson:- It was very pleasant to read in yours of the 7th inst.,, the expressions of your sentiments as regards myself as representative of your firm; I see that you appreciate my work, that you are satisfied, my end is achieved I am satisfied. I also thank you with having credited my account with £1232 and all this will encourage me to work with ardour for your firm. I am constanting occupying myself with the notes which the Bank puts in circulation every month and an examination of the movement of the notes may also serve as a basis to estimate ~~for~~ with some exactitude the probable consumption which the Bank will make of its notes in the future. In order that you may get a good idea of the use which the Bank makes of its notes which you have delivered to them I give you below a statement of the quantities put in circulation during the last three years:-

Notes in Circulation of:-

year	1000Pts	100Pts	100Pts	50Pts	25Pts	total
1907			3,580		2,120	5,700
1908	10	~~XE~~	1,650	1,670	1,330	4,710
1909	140	90	700	1,440	130	2,550
	150	90	5,930	3,110	3,680	12,960
Jan & Feb 1910	30	30	200	200	80	540
(thousands of notes)	180	120	6,130	3,310	3,760	13,500
Notes delivered to the Bank	1,000	1,000	8,000	4,000	8,000	22,000
Stock which the Bank has	820	880	1,870	690	4,240	8,500

I only show out of the reserve issue the note of 1000Pts seeing that it is in circulation and thereby ceases to be a reserve note.

As a remark on the forgoing table I should tell you that in 1907 there were put in circulation the 50 Pts notes with the portrait of Echegaray there are therefore 4,000,000 more used. Last year the issue of the 25Pts notes was entirely suspended and for fear of running short of 100's they issued fewer of them. During the first years the old notes made in Madrid were withdrawn from circulation. In 1907 of your notes they had only in circulation those of 100 and 25, in 1908 those of 100, 50 and 25 and for a very short time those of 1,000. In 1909 those of 1,000,100,50,25 and a few of 500. Year 1910 commences frankly with a circulation composed of your notes. There are still a few of the old ones seen but not many. Up to the present they have withdrawn from circulation the old notes but this year they will withdraw so to speak your notes which are running into their 4th year of circulation and which are in a rather bad condition not as regards paper, they would still last 3 or 4 years, but they are dirty, the ink effaced and the new Governor is going into this and orders have been given that the dirty and worn notes should be withdrawn from circulation, with all these explanations we arrive at the conclusion that the 2 first details of this year, the consumption of January & February inform us as to the future. The 2 months representing 540,000 notes, one year 3,240,000. I estimate that you should reckon on a consumption of 3 or 4 million per year according to circumstances. It might

very well happen that the orders would not be regular for in one year you would have 2,000,000 and the next one 6,000,000 but the average will certainly remain between 3 and 4 million. Arrange therefore you work and your staff for these requirements. The first necessity which will arrive is the note of 50Pts. There were at the end of Feb:690,000, during January 140,000 had been issued and only 60,000 in Feb. It is true that in February more 25Pts notes were put in circulation then they have notes for 7 to 10 months, if they order them 4 or 5 months ahead; You will have the order between May and August. The 2nd necessity will come in the next year, the note of 100Pts which had a stock of 1,870,000 at the end of February there would mxix therefore enough for 18 or 19 months. You will have the order for them therefore towards the end of May or June next year.

From this point it is difficult to predict anything for the Bank will order notes of 50 and 100 by 2 or 4 millions This the factors may change according as to whether they push more or less the consumption of one note or another. They might yet happen alarms, forgeries and that would give more work but I prefer the calm normality.

Now I have to speak to you a little of what was said at the General Shareholders meeting at the Bank. The necessity of making the notes in Spain by a concern established in Spain has had elequent defenders who were very much listened to and who have managed to awake fears which were dormant or perhaps insufficiently appeased. In the accounts which I sent you you will have seen the name of the ABNCo

but like a sword of Damacles to show the dander of having its factory abroad.

Mr. Maura the engraver of the Bank brings forward assaults to the Governors of the Bank with his projects of notes and all the weight of his influence that the note factory should be reorganised with all the elements necessary. But there is one thing which has more force than all this and it is that your notes have been circulating for four years and that if any misfortune happen to them there is still a whole reserve ~~faxxx~~ series there to put off for a still further period any change. I dont consider it within the bounds of possibility that the Board of the Bank will decide that you should go and makes its own notes in Spain and that that costs them double the money.

I have not been able to see the first sub-Governor of the Bank since the General Meeting who is so busy with all the business which arises from it - if there is anything fresh I will let you know it immediately.

Now I have to speak to you of quite another matter. You know that Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena's eldest daughter is in Paris married to the controller of the Bank of Spain Mr. Mediano. The sub-Governor of the Bank suffers a great deal from this separation and would like to find a situation for his son-in-law in Madrid. He wanted to place him in the Bank but the staff protested and he out of dignity refused any arrangement which would prevent his son-in-law from entering the Bank in Madrid with head erect and with the approval of everybody. In this circumstance he told me that he would like to find

agencies for his- son in law so as to get him a similar situation to that which he wants him to leave in Paris. Important Agencies where influence is necessary for he would get it through whereever it was necessary that it should be got through. He has asked me to see about this and do all I can in this matter and that I should get something done about it also in England, Germany, Austria and the U.S.A. I am looking after it in France where I have already proposed to him a very nice business which is under consideration. I have had advertsements put in technical journals and expensive circulationin a word through my connections and by other means I am trying to satisfy the sub-Governor. I now ask you to make in England and to interest Mr.Green so that he may make in the USA and intelligent propoganda in the newspapers with which you are connected with a result of which we may offer to Don Angel Gonzalez de la Pena agencies for his son -in-law which will enable him to set up in Madrid a commission and agency business which gives him all he wants.

You will spend between London and the USA something like 1,000 Frcs but that will not be lost I assure you if it succeeds. You will be so kind as to tell me if you think you can follow me up in these schemes and if I may count on your 2 firms to seriously occupy yourself with this interesting business. Naturally if you dont take it up I will do it myself for I wish to give full satisfaction to the wishes which have been represented to me. I remain etc.

P.S. After having wrote this letter I have received yours of the 8th for which I thank you. The propoganda would be made by giving your London address and that of the USA without names of interested parties

TRANSLATION

from R:PEANT May 24th '10

I confirm my letter of yesterday.

POSTAGE STAMPS:

In Spain the Administration of Posts & Telegraphs has not under its charge the issue of postage stamp or telegraph stamps. It is the Direction du Timbre which looks after the stamping of the papier timbré and the printing of the postage stamps. As you know at the Mint there is a section where they print the postage stamps. There are therefore created interests which will be contrary to us, and which we shall never manage to overcome, but on the side of the Administration of Posts and Telegraphs I am in a position which could not be bettered to get concluded a combination, the present Director being a good friend of mine.

I have just had an interview with the Director of posts, who has told me how dissatisfied he is with the service of the postage and telegraph stamps of Spain and of the desire he would have to do this business with him. I told him that in order to make the business easier for him I was prepared to offer him a series of Spanish Postage stamps made with all the latest perfections and guarantees against forfery etc. He told me that in order to put this matter into his hands and to get it away from the Direction du Timbre, he would need to know how that is arranged in the principle Countries, France, England, Germany, Austria, Switzerland , Belgium, Italy, U.S.A etc. and to know in each Country if the service of manufacture of

postage stamps is under the Direction of Posts and Telegraphs or if it is under the direction of the "Rentes de l'etat" (Treasury). When he has exact details on this organisation he will consider the form in which to offer him a tender which may serve him as a basis for the transformation which he wishes to make in this service and to entrust to us its manufacture. I told him that your firm having relations in every Country in the world it would be easy for you to get the necessary information that he requires and that I would write you this day on the subject.

Every effort of my intellect has been devoted towards explaining to you clearly the desire expressed by the Direct of posts and Telegraphs, have you understood me? If so, put in train your connections and relations in every Country so as to get these details at the earliest possible, if ~~xxx~~ not ask me by return of posts for further explanations on any point you have any doubt.

I want to be informed conscientiously and in an absolutely precise manner and without loss of time also I beg you to reply to me by return of post if you have properly understood what I want and if you are prepared to get me this information immediately

We have some chances at the present moment to work this business with success and we must not lose our time. ~~The~~ Governments are not so long lived in Spain that we can afford to let opportunities ~~them~~ pass when they offer themselves.

I remain etc.

DRAFT

to R:PEANT - Madrid May 27th '10

I have duly received your favour of the 24th inst. in which I am most interested. It is a very important matter and you can rely upon my doing everything this end in order to help you to obtain this order for the Spanish Postage Stamps.

Your letter is absolutely clear as usual, there being only one little question which I should like to be made extra plain, and that is, I perfectly understand that the point you wish to be informed on is whether in the various countries you mention and others the order for Postage stamps is placed by the Post Master General or by the Treasury or some department under the Treasury. This I believe is what you mean by "Rentes de l'etat" So far as my experience goes almost without exception postage stampx orders are given under the authority of the Treasury or Finance Minister and the technical work such as approval of designs etc by the postal authorities. However I am writing today to friends in various countries asking for immediate replies on these points and as soon as I have received the same I will forward them on to you.

If you would like me to commence at once the preparation of some designs would you kindly give me the following information:-

Size,
Number of stamps on a sheet
One or two colours

and any other general suggestion as to subject of the design

or whether it will be the Kings head in all cases.

Wishing you every success in your new enterprise and with best wishes

I remain,

TRANSLATION

from R:PEANT May 11th '12

Today I have remitted to you by post an engraved plate by Mr.Vaquer for which please let me know if I have to pay him.

I pray you to send to Messrs Green and Woodhull my recommendation for Mr.Clemens Mayer Alberti, a young man very well educated who know perfectly French, English, German and Spanish, office work in general and that of correspondence and Banking through a course had in a Banking house in Belgium. For 20 years I have known the father of this young man who is a Merchant who has amassed a nice little fortune and who holds at Frankfort the reputation of an honest worker. Mr.Alberti desires to work in a good house in New York such as for example the American Banknote Company if he could see therein a future and could accustom himself to the life and customs of the Country, if not he would only stay a few years. I may add that the young man could not take up the post before the month of Sept: or October next.

I consider that should Mr.Woodhull decide to acquire his services he would have a good acquisition to his house.

With distinguished salutations.

(Sgd) R.Peant.

W. L. G.
NOV 18 1912

TRANSLATION

from R:PEANT - Biarritz November 1st '12

My dear Mr.Wilkinson:-

I had intended to give you a New Years present of a small order for notes but events have precipitated themselves and I think an order will come to your house for 4,000,000 50Pts notes.

We left Bordeaux on Monday and I left Madam Peant at Biarritz in order to come on to Madrid and look into the question of discount which we have allowed for the 100Pts notes and which they are now claiming for the 50Pts. Letters have crossed and I do not think it indispensable to give this discount for successive orders on other values. I told them that when you allowed a special discount for the 100Pts notes it was on account of the crisis which arose at that moment on account of that value being forged but it was distinctly understood at the time that this question of discount should not arise again in the future when it referred to other values. In other words, you made a sacrifice in the price of the 100Pts notes which it was quite impossible for you to do for the other values, therefore I quitted Madrid yesterday after submitting to the Bank the proposal in exactly the same terms as the last order in August 1910 and Mr.Belda will present this proposal at the first meeting of the Commission and I do not think there will be any difficulty in obtaining its approval as well as that of the Council.

I have therefore returned to Biarritz to Madam Peant

who is still not very well and shall after a few days return to Madrid having left word that at the least difficulty they would let me know and I will return immediately.

With affectionate greetings from Madam Peant and myself

I remain, etc.,